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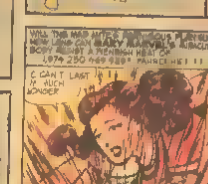

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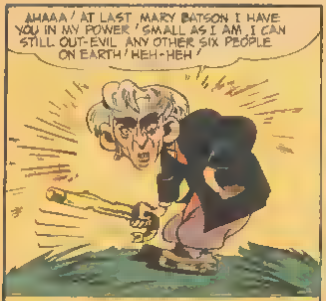
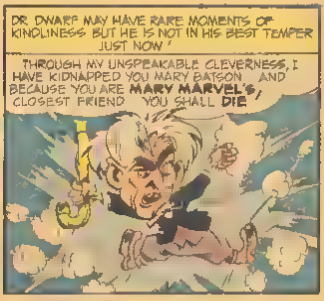
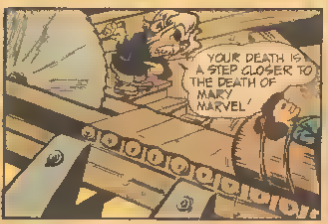
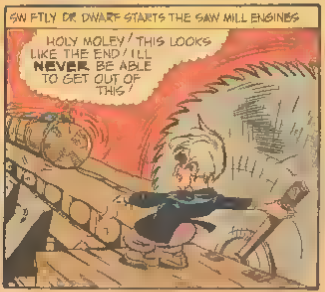
IN THE RIDDLE OF THE ROMPER REVOLUTION!
DOWN WITH EVERYTHING
VICTORY OR DEATH
REVOLT
NO RELAXATION WITHOUT EDUCATION
PLAYGROUND PARTY FOREVER!
DOWN WITH EVERYTHING
WITH GUNS
FLAMING REVOLT RAGES ACROSS THE COUNTRY!!! SWEPT UP IN A HURRICANE OF TURMOIL MARY MARVEL STRUGGLES HELPLESSLY AS BUILDINGS TOPPLE IN RUINS AND CIVILIZATION ITSELF QUAKES UNDER THE SMASHING IMPACT OF ----REVOLUTION!
ONCE AGAIN FIERCE BATTLE CRIES RING THROUGH THE STREETS AND EMBATTLED ARMIES CLASH BY NIGHT AMID THE CANNON'S ROAR AND THE ROCKET'S RED GLARE 'ONCE MORE A STIRRING DECLARATION OF THE RIGHTS OF MAN IS WRITTEN!!!!
NO-- DON'T START DIGGING BOMB SHELTERS YET THIS ALL TAKES PLACE SOMEWHERE IN THE FUTURE!
AND--- IT'S ONLY A CHILDREN'S REVOLUTION
SO---SIT BACK TAKE ANOTHER BREATH AND CHUCKLE OVER "THE RIDDLE OF THE ROMPER REVOLUTION!"




DR. DWARF MAY HAVE RARE MOMENTS OF KINDLINESS BUT HE IS NOT IN HIS BEST TEMPER JUST NOW !
THROUGH MY UNSPEAKABLE CLEVERNESS, I HAVE KIDNAPPED YOU MARY BATSON AND BECAUSE YOU ARE MARY MARVEL'S, CLOSEST FRIEND YOU SHALL DIE

DEAR READERS MEET **DR DWARF** A VILLAIN OF SUCH DIABOLICAL MALEVOLENCE THAT PROF SIVANA AND CAPT NAZI ARE ANGELIC BY COMPARISON

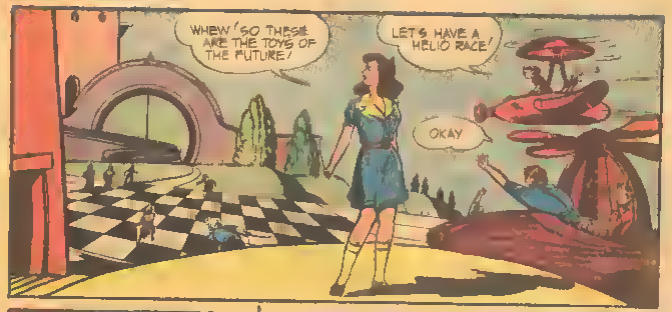


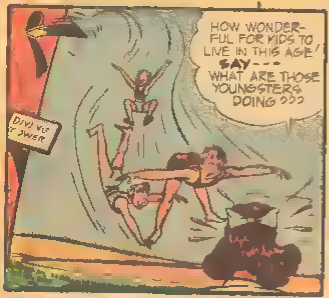


WE GUARANTEE THAT MARY BATSON IS DEAD CAN NOTHING SAVE HER FROM THIS GHASTLY FATE ? WILL THIS STORY END BEFORE IT EVEN GETS STARTED ???

IT MUST HAVE BEEN **DESTRUCTION** ! FOR WHEN MARY BATSON OPENS HER EYES

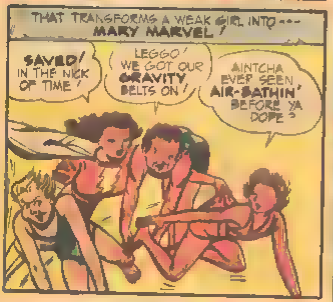
NAW YOU AIN'T DEAD YOU'RE ONLY IN THE FUTURE!
SURE THIS IS THE YEAR 2999 AND IT AIN'T SO HOT IF YOU ASK US!
SO TH-THAT'S HOW I WAS SAVED! YOU KIDS BUILT A TIME MACHINE! AND YOU YANKED ME OUT OF THE PAST
YEAH, AND WE WASTED IT! WE DIDN'T WANT YOU WE WAS LOOKIN FOR MARY MARVEL!
WHY I'M---ER-- WHY D YOU WANT HER?
BECAUSE WE NEED HER HELP WE'RE GONNA REVOLT!
REVOLT? AGAINST WHAT?
PSST! PSST! SHADDAP! HERE COME THE ROBOTS!
AGAINST--
WE GOT TO PLAY GAMES NOW OR THE ROBOTS'LL GET SUSPICIOUS
STICK AROUND WE'LL EXPLAIN LATER!
PLAYGROUND


WHEW! SO THESE ARE THE TOYS OF THE FUTURE!
LET'S HAVE A HELIO RACE!
OKAY

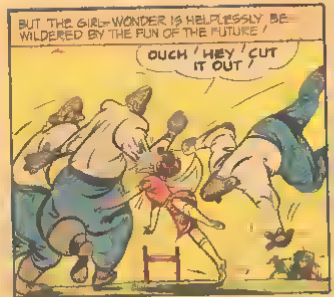

DIVING BOARD
HOW WONDERFUL FOR KIDS TO LIVE IN THIS AGE! SAY--- WHAT ARE THOSE YOUNGSTERS DOING???

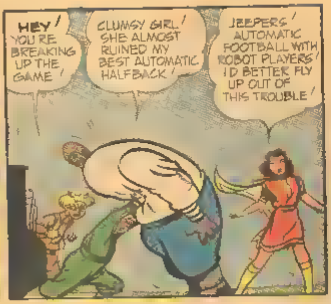
HOLY MOLEY! THEY'LL BE DASHED TO PIECES
SHAZAM!

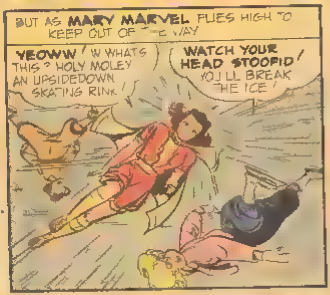
WHAMMO!!!
ACROSS THE STILL CENTURIES STREAKS A CRACKLING BURST OF POWER!!!

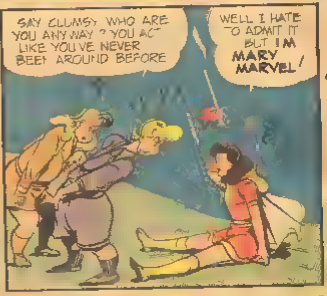

THAT TRANSFORMS A WEAK GIRL INTO--- MARY MARVEL!
SAVED! IN THE NICK OF TIME!
LEGGO! WE GOT OUR GRAVITY BELTS ON!
AINTCHA EVER SEEN AIR-BATHIN' BEFORE YA DOPE?

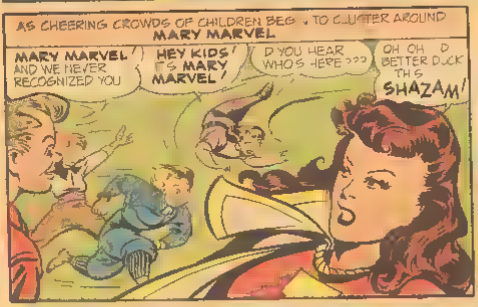
WELL, I SURE MADE AN IDIOT OF MYSELF!
HOW ABOUT A FOOTBALL GAME?
OKAY!


BUT THE GIRL-WONDER IS HELPLESSLY BEWILDERED BY THE FUN OF THE FUTURE!
OUCH! HEY! CUT IT OUT!

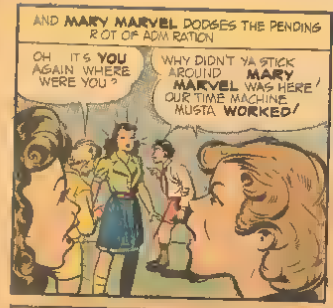

HEY! YOU'RE BREAKING UP THE GAME!
CLUMSY GIRL! SHE ALMOST RUINED MY BEST AUTOMATIC HALFBACK!
JEEPERS! AUTOMATIC FOOTBALL WITH ROBOT PLAYERS! I'D BETTER FLY UP OUT OF THIS TROUBLE!

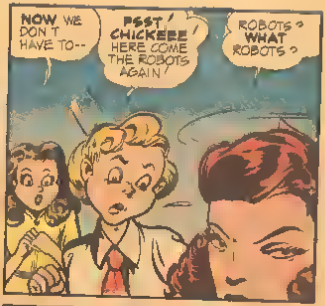

BUT AS MARY MARVEL FLIES HIGH TO KEEP OUT OF THE WAY
YEOWW! WHAT'S THIS? HOLY MOLEY AN UPSIDEDOWN SKATING RINK!
WATCH YOUR HEAD STOOPID! YOU'LL BREAK THE ICE!

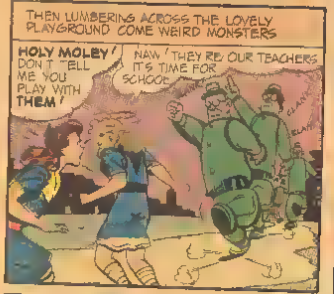

SAY CLUMSY WHO ARE YOU ANYWAY? YOU ACT LIKE YOU'VE NEVER BEEN AROUND BEFORE
WELL I HATE TO ADMIT IT BUT I AM MARY MARVEL!

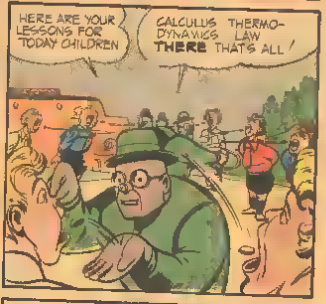

AS CHEERING CROWDS OF CHILDREN BEG TO CLUTTER AROUND MARY MARVEL
MARY MARVEL! AND WE NEVER RECOGNIZED YOU
HEY KIDS! IT'S MARY MARVEL!
D'YOU HEAR WHO'S HERE???
OH OH D BETTER DUCK THIS
SHAZAM!

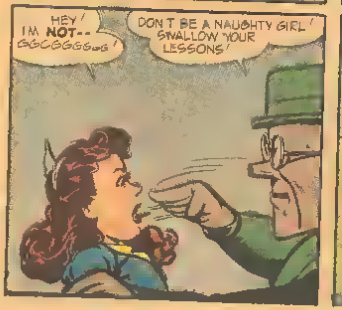
SOCKO!!!
AGAIN LIGHTNING SLAMS THROUGH THE SANDS OF TIME

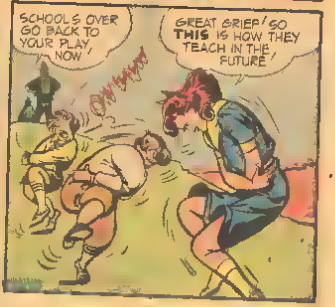

AND MARY MARVEL DODGES THE PENDING R OT OR ADM RATION
OH IT'S YOU AGAIN WHERE WERE YOU?
WHY DIDN'T YA STICK AROUND MARY MARVEL WAS HERE! OUR TIME MACHINE MUSTA WORKED!

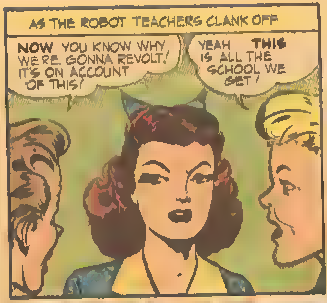

NOW WE DON'T HAVE TO--
PSST! CHICKEEE! HERE COME THE ROBOTS AGAIN!
ROBOTS? WHAT ROBOTS?

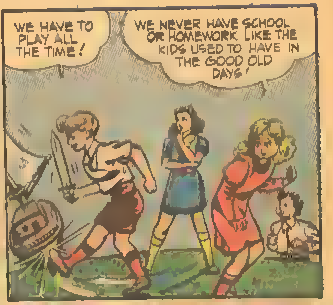

THEN LUMBERING ACROSS THE LOVELY PLAYGROUND COME WEIRD MONSTERS
HOLY MOLEY! DON'T TELL ME YOU PLAY WITH THEM!
NAW! THEY'RE OUR TEACHERS IT'S TIME FOR SCHOOL

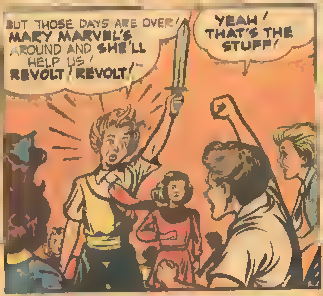

HERE ARE YOUR LESSONS FOR TODAY CHILDREN
CALCULUS THERMO-DYNAMICS LAW THERE THAT'S ALL!

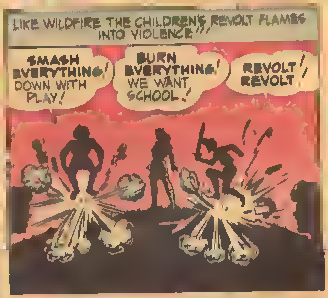

HEY! I'M NOT-- GGGGGGGG!
DON'T BE A NAUGHTY GIRL! SWALLOW YOUR LESSONS!

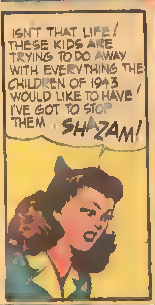

SCHOOL'S OVER GO BACK TO YOUR PLAY NOW!
GREAT GRIEF! SO THIS IS HOW THEY TEACH IN THE FUTURE!
OW-wwww!


AS THE ROBOT TEACHERS CLANK OFF
NOW YOU KNOW WHY WE'RE GONNA REVOLT, IT'S ON ACCOUNT OF THIS!
YEAH THIS IS ALL THE SCHOOL WE GET!

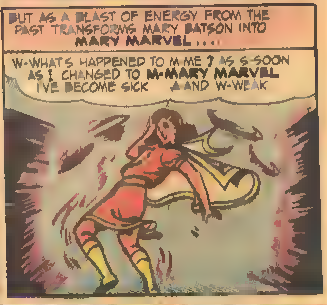

WE HAVE TO PLAY ALL THE TIME!
WE NEVER HAVE SCHOOL OR HOMEWORK LIKE THE KIDS USED TO HAVE IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS!

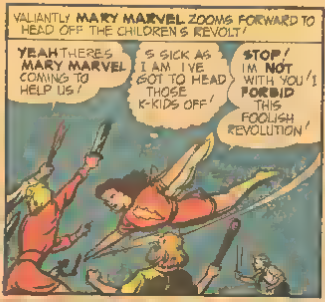

BUT THOSE DAYS ARE OVER! MARY MARVEL'S AROUND AND SHE'LL HELP US! REVOLT! REVOLT!
YEAH! THAT'S THE STUFF!

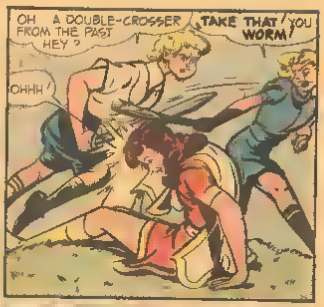

LIKE WILDFIRE THE CHILDREN'S REVOLT FLAMES INTO VIOLENCE!!
SMASH EVERYTHING! DOWN WITH PLAY!
BURN EVERYTHING! WE WANT SCHOOL!
REVOLT! REVOLT!

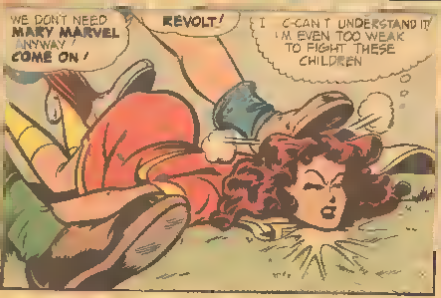

ISN'T THAT LIFE! THESE KIDS ARE TRYING TO DO AWAY WITH EVERYTHING THE CHILDREN OF 1943 WOULD LIKE TO HAVE! I'VE GOT TO STOP THEM!
SHAZAM!

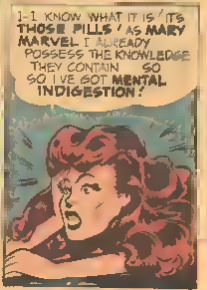
YEOWWW! IT'S THAT MARY MARVEL AGAIN! I FEEL IT!

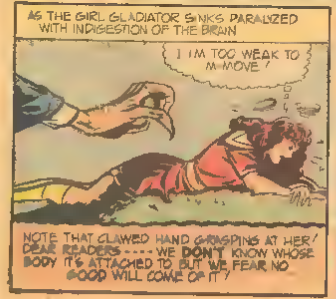

BUT AS A BLAST OF ENERGY FROM THE PAST TRANSFORMS MARY BATSON INTO MARY MARVEL....
W-WHAT'S HAPPENED TO M-ME? AS S-SOON AS I CHANGED TO M-MARY MARVEL I'VE BECOME SICK AND W-WEAK

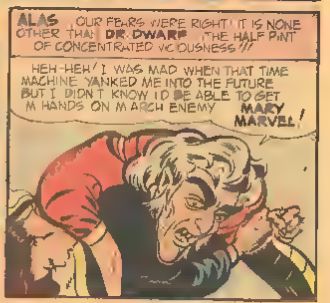

VALIANTLY MARY MARVEL ZOOMS FORWARD TO HEAD OFF THE CHILDREN'S REVOLT!
YEAH THERE'S MARY MARVEL COMING TO HELP US!
S SICK AS I AM I'VE GOT TO HEAD THOSE K-KIDS OFF!
STOP! I'M NOT WITH YOU! I FORBID THIS FOOLISH REVOLUTION!

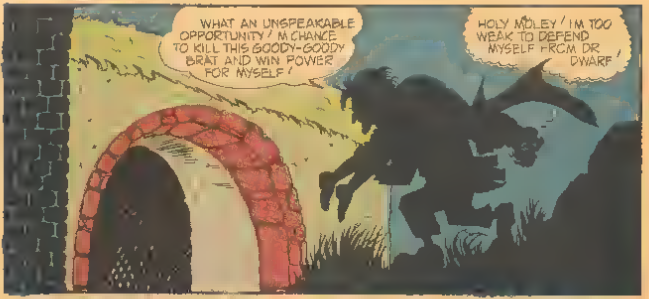

OH A DOUBLE-CROSSER FROM THE PAST HEY?
TAKE THAT YOU WORM!
OHHH!

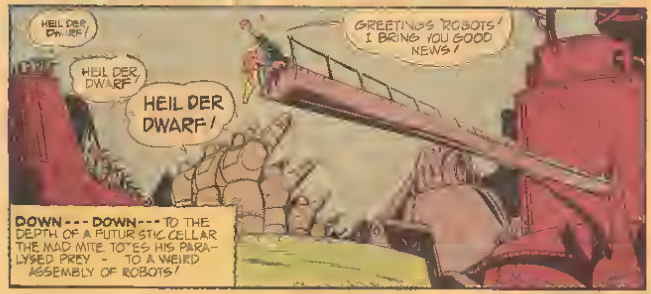

WE DON'T NEED MARY MARVEL ANYWAY! COME ON!
REVOLT!
I C-CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT! I'M EVEN TOO WEAK TO FIGHT THESE CHILDREN


I-I KNOW WHAT IT IS! IT'S THOSE PILLS! AS MARY MARVEL I ALREADY POSSESS THE KNOWLEDGE THEY CONTAIN SO SO I'VE GOT MENTAL INDIGESTION!


AS THE GIRL GLADIATOR SINKS PARALYZED WITH INDIGESTION OF THE BRAIN
I I'M TOO WEAK TO M-MOVE!
NOTE THAT CLAWED HAND GRASPING AT HER! DEAR READERS - - - - WE DON'T KNOW WHOSE BODY IT'S ATTACHED TO BUT WE FEAR NO GOOD WILL COME OF IT!


ALAS OUR FEARS WERE RIGHT! IT IS NONE OTHER THAN DR. DWARF THE HALF PINT OF CONCENTRATED VICIOUSNESS!!!
HEH-HEH! I WAS MAD WHEN THAT TIME MACHINE YANKED ME INTO THE FUTURE BUT I DIDN'T KNOW I'D BE ABLE TO GET M HANDS ON M ARCH ENEMY MARY MARVEL!


WHAT AN UNSPEAKABLE OPPORTUNITY! M CHANCE TO KILL THIS GOODY-GOODY BRAT AND WIN POWER FOR MYSELF!
HOLY MOLEY! I'M TOO WEAK TO DEFEND MYSELF FROM DR DWARF!


HEIL DER DWARF!
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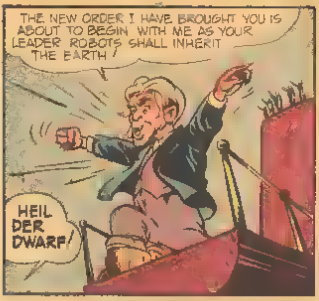
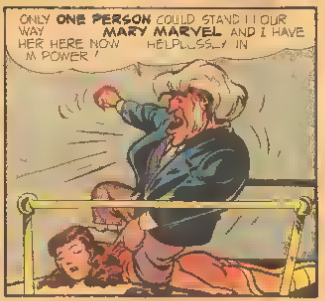
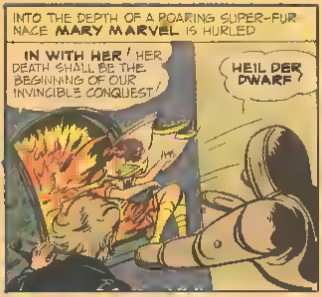
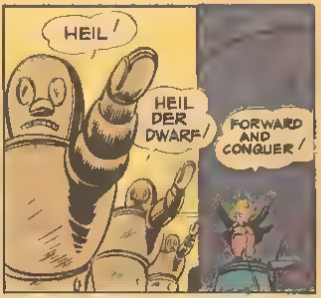
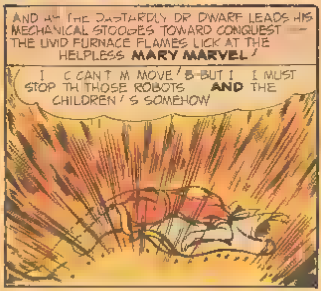
GREETINGS ROBOTS! I BRING YOU GOOD NEWS!
DOWN - - - DOWN - - - TO THE DEPTH OF A FUTURISTIC CELLAR THE MAD MITE TOTES HIS PARALYSED PREY - TO A WEIRD ASSEMBLY OF ROBOTS!

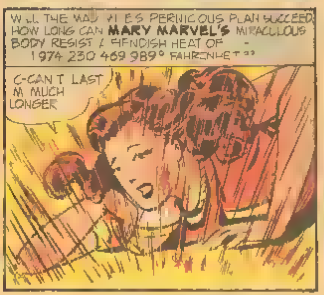

THE NEW ORDER I HAVE BROUGHT YOU IS ABOUT TO BEGIN WITH ME AS YOUR LEADER ROBOTS SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH!
HEIL DER DWARF!

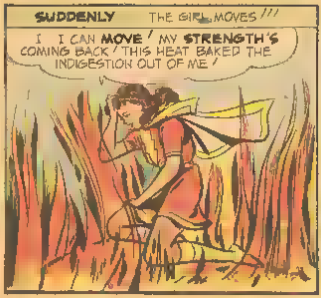

ONLY ONE PERSON COULD STAND IN OUR WAY MARY MARVEL AND I HAVE HER HERE NOW HELPLESS IN M POWER!


INTO THE DEPTH OF A ROARING SUPER-FURNACE MARY MARVEL IS HURLED
IN WITH HER! HER DEATH SHALL BE THE BEGINNING OF OUR INVINCIBLE CONQUEST!
HEIL DER DWARF!


HEIL!
HEIL DER DWARF!
FORWARD AND CONQUER!

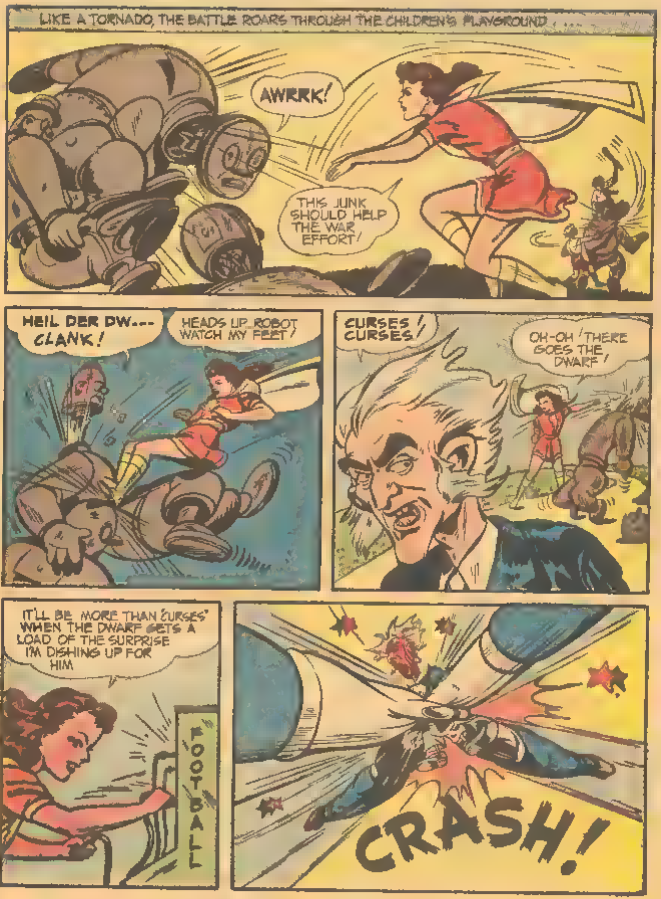

AND AS THE DASTARDLY DR DWARF LEADS HIS MECHANICAL STOOGES TOWARD CONQUEST — THE LIVID FURNACE FLAMES LICK AT THE HELPLESS MARY MARVEL!
I C-CAN'T M-MOVE! B-BUT I MUST STOP TH-THOSE ROBOTS AND THE CHILDREN! S-SOMEHOW

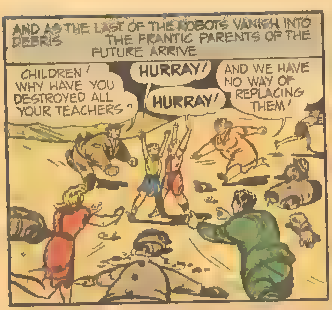

W-IL THE MAD PLANS PERNICIOUS PLAN SUCCEED HOW LONG CAN MARY MARVEL'S MIRACULOUS BODY RESIST / FIENDISH HEAT OF 1974 230 469 989° FAHRENHEIT??
C-CAN'T LAST M-MUCH LONGER

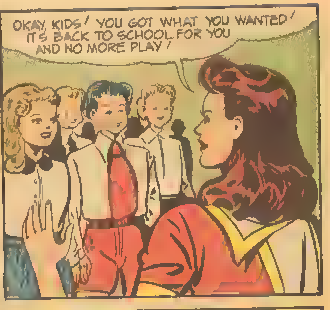

SUDDENLY THE GIRL MOVES!!!
I I CAN MOVE! MY STRENGTH'S COMING BACK! THIS HEAT BAKED THE INDIGESTION OUT OF ME!

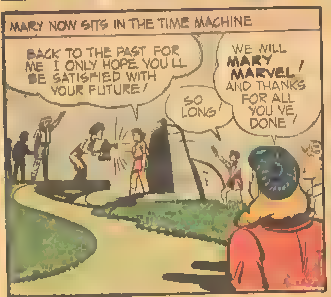
WOW!! I MADE IT!

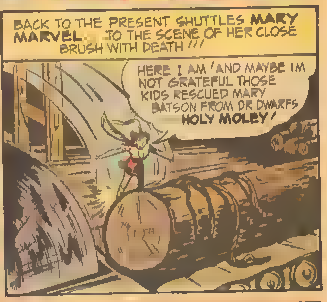
THERE ARE THE CHILDREN AND THEY'RE THE ONLY HELP I'LL GET AGAINST DR. DWARF! I'VE GOT TO TRICK THEM INTO FIGHTING THE ROBOTS!
LISTEN KIDS, I'VE CHANGED MY MIND! I'LL HELP YOU! WE'LL DESTROY ALL THE ROBOTS!
SWELL! DOWN WITH 'EM!
HERE THEY ARE NOW!
SWIFTLY THE TWO ARMIES APPROACH EACH OTHER
KIDS... I AM INTO THE ROBOTS!
MARY MARVEL! SO, YOU ESCAPED, EH? BUT NOT FOR LONG! ROBOTS SMASH THESE BRATS!
SO MUCH FOR THE SUPER RACE OF ROBOTS!
HEIL DER DW... ARRKKKK!
HERE TEACHER GET YOURSELF AN EDUCATION TOO!
HEIL DER-- GLGGGGGG!


LIKE A TORNADO, THE BATTLE ROARS THROUGH THE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND . . .
AWRRK!
THIS JUNK SHOULD HELP THE WAR EFFORT!
HEIL DER DW--- CLANK!
HEADS UP, ROBOT WATCH MY FEET!
CURSES! CURSES!
OH-OH! THERE GOES THE DWARF!
IT'LL BE MORE THAN 'CURSES' WHEN THE DWARF GETS A LOAD OF THE SURPRISE I'M DISHING UP FOR HIM.
FOOTBALL
CRASH!

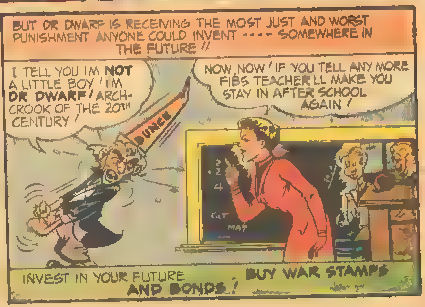

AND AS THE LAST OF THE ROBOTS VANISH INTO DEBRIS THE FRANTIC PARENTS OF THE FUTURE ARRIVE
CHILDREN! WHY HAVE YOU DESTROYED ALL YOUR TEACHERS?
HURRAY!
HURRAY!
AND WE HAVE NO WAY OF REPLACING THEM!


OKAY, KIDS! YOU GOT WHAT YOU WANTED! IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL FOR YOU AND NO MORE PLAY!


MARY NOW SITS IN THE TIME MACHINE
BACK TO THE PAST FOR ME I ONLY HOPE YOU'LL BE SATISFIED WITH YOUR FUTURE!
SO LONG!
WE WILL MARY MARVEL! AND THANKS FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE!


BACK TO THE PRESENT SHUTTLES MARY MARVEL TO THE SCENE OF HER CLOSE BRUSH WITH DEATH!!!
HERE I AM! AND MAYBE I'M NOT GRATEFUL THOSE KIDS RESCUED MARY BATSON FROM DR DWARFS
HOLY MOLEY!

WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM? DR DWARF MUSTN'T ESCAPE PUNISHMENT!


BUT DR DWARF IS RECEIVING THE MOST JUST AND WORST PUNISHMENT ANYONE COULD INVENT ---- SOMEWHERE IN THE FUTURE!!
I TELL YOU I'M NOT A LITTLE BOY! I'M DR DWARF! ARCH-CROOK OF THE 20TH CENTURY!
DUNCE
NOW, NOW! IF YOU TELL ANY MORE FIBS TEACHER'LL MAKE YOU STAY IN AFTER SCHOOL AGAIN!
INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE AND BONDS!
BUY WAR STAMPS

"I Will Show YOU . . . HOW TO BUILD A *MIGHTY* BODY *using my quick, easy methods,"* says *George F. Jowett*

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2 HOW TO BUILD A MIGHTY BACK. Look at Pictures 2 and 3 on page 3 of this ad. Which one do you want? Then you can build a back of your own if you [illegible] in this course.

3 HOW TO BUILD A MIGHTY CHEST. Tell me how to make your chest [illegible] and I'll show you how to do it. Then watch [illegible] Chest [illegible] Chest [illegible] Chest

COMMANDO YANK

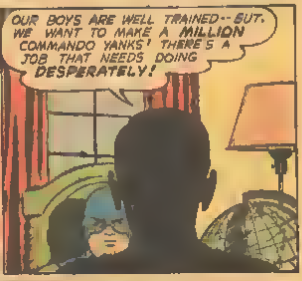
TRAINS A MILLION MEN!

FOR MILLIONS OF TRAINING UNITED NATIONS SOLDIERS HOW INVALUABLE WOULD BE AN ACTUAL FILM OF COMMANDO YANK IN REAL LIFE ACTION! SO-TO GET THIS MOST TERRIFIC TRAINING MOVIE, A CAMERAMAN GOES ALONG ON THIS LATEST AND MOST THRILLING ADVENTURE! LET'S FOCUS THE CAMERA'S QUICK EYE ON THE LIGHTNING EXPLOITS OF **COMMANDO YANK** AS HE RAIDS A SINISTER AND IMPREGNABLE ISLAND BASTION OF JAP DEVILTRY!!!

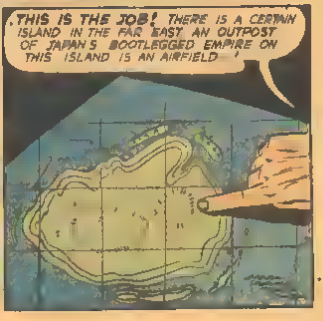
A VITAL MILITARY CONFERENCE... ATTENDED BY THE TOP RANKING GENERALS OF OUR WAR COMMAND!
GENTLEMEN, REMEMBER THE ANTI-COMMANDO METHODS OF OUR ENEMIES?
AH YES, THEY TRIED TO FIND OUT OUR SECRETS BY MAKING MOVIES OF OUR COMMANDO TRAINING, EH?

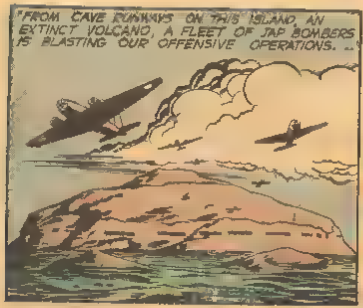
LET'S USE THEIR METHODS TO TRAIN OUR OWN BOYS!
SPLENDID IDEA! WE'LL MAKE A FILM OF COMMANDO YANK IN ACTION! VISUAL EDUCATION! YOU KNOW!
SEND FOR COMMANDO YANK!

THE GREATEST COMMANDO OF THEM ALL IS SENT FOR AND ARRIVES! COMMANDO YANK LISTENS AS A DARING SCHEME IS SUGGESTED TO HIM!
YOU'RE THE ONLY MAN IN THE WORLD FOR THIS, YANK!
YES SIR!

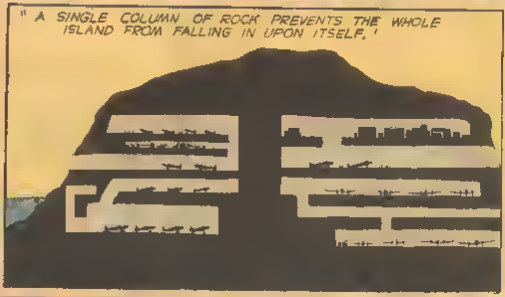

OUR BOYS ARE WELL TRAINED -- BUT, WE WANT TO MAKE A MILLION COMMANDO YANKS! THERE'S A JOB THAT NEEDS DOING DESPERATELY!

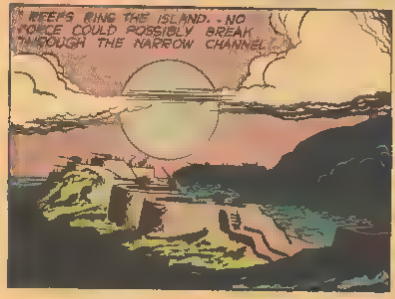
IT'S A JOB THAT YOU CAN DO! PERHAPS ONLY YOU CAN DO! AND WE'LL FILM YOU IN ACTION! YOU'LL BE DOING TWO TERRIFIC VITAL JOBS AT ONCE!

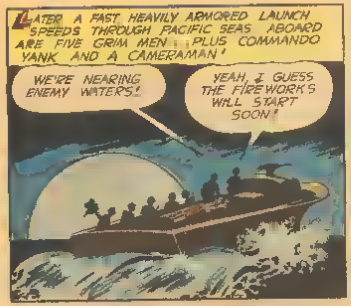

THIS IS THE JOB! THERE IS A CERTAIN ISLAND IN THE FAR EAST AN OUTPOST OF JAPAN'S BOOTLEGGED EMPIRE ON THIS ISLAND IS AN AIRFIELD!



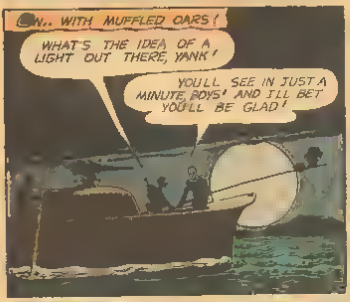
"ALTHOUGH IT IS KNOWN THAT UNDERNEATH THE TORTOISE-LIKE BACK OF THE ISLAND, THE WHOLE ROCK IS HONEY-COMBED WITH CAVERNS LIKE A ROTTEN CHEESE...."



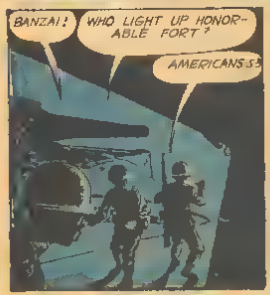



LATER A FAST, HEAVILY ARMORED LAUNCH SPEEDS THROUGH PACIFIC SEAS ABOARD ARE FIVE GRIM MEN ... PLUS COMMANDO YANK AND A CAMERAMAN!
WE'RE NEARING ENEMY WATERS!
YEAH, I GUESS THE FIREWORK'S WILL START SOON!

LATER
STOP THE MOTOR! WE'RE WITHIN A FEW MILES OF THE ISLAND, AND FROM NOW ON, WE'LL HAVE TO USE THE OARS!


ON.. WITH MUFFLED OARS!
WHAT'S THE IDEA OF A LIGHT OUT THERE, YANK!
YOU'LL SEE IN JUST A MINUTE, BOYS! AND I'LL BET YOU'LL BE GLAD!

ALL RIGHT! TURN THE SEARCHLIGHT ON!


BANZAI!
WHO LIGHT UP HONORABLE FORT?
AMERICANS!!

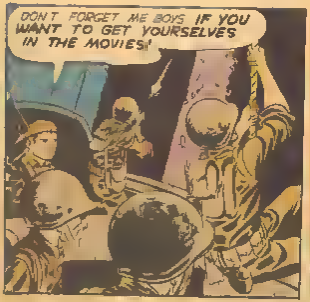
IN THE NAME OF THE EMPEROR KILL THE DOGS!

WHEN DO WE BEGIN TO SLUG!
YEAH, I ALWAYS LIKE TO HIT BACK!
ALL RIGHT BOYS LET 'EM HAVE IT!

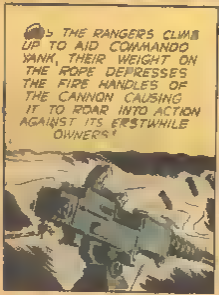
I'LL MAKE THE BEACHHEAD HERE MYSELF! JUST A BIT CLOSER NOW

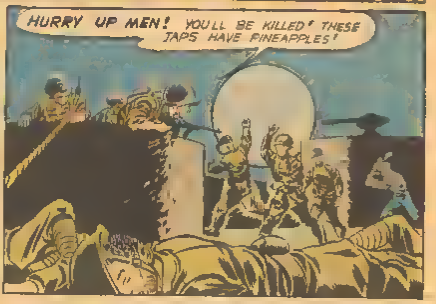
NOW JUST A SECOND, MORE..
HEY! DON'T LEAVE US BEHIND!
WE'RE IN THIS TOO, YANK!

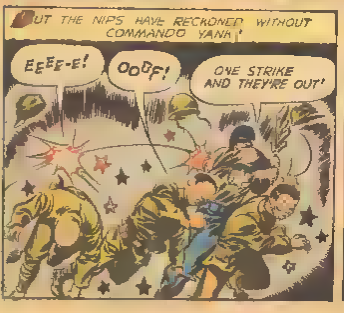
I THINK I JUST SET A NEW BROAD-JUMPING RECORD! OOPS.. JAPS ABOVE!
THAT'S WHAT YOU GET FOR NOT HELPING ME UP!
WOW, WHAT PICTURES! ATTABOY, YANK!
TRAVELING AS ONLY HE CAN, COMMANDO YANK LEAPS ATOP JAP BATTLEMENTS!
I CAN'T WASTE ALL THIS GOOD AMMUNITION! AH I'VE GOT IT!
...AND I'LL JUST LOCK THIS. ONCE AIMED, THE CANNON CANNOT BE MOVED!
AWRIGHT, BOYS! THIS IS THE LADDER TO SUCCESS.. SUCCESS ON THIS VENTURE!
HOORAY, LET'S GO!
QUIT SHOVING! I WANT TO BE FIRST!

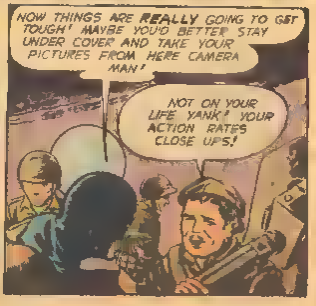

DON'T FORGET ME BOYS IF YOU WANT TO GET YOURSELVES IN THE MOVIES!

HELP! OWN HONORABLE GUN FIRE ON US!

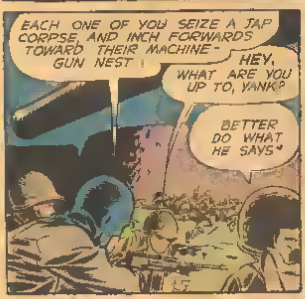

AS THE RANGERS CLIMB UP TO AID COMMANDO YANK, THEIR WEIGHT ON THE ROPE DEPRESSES THE FIRE HANDLES OF THE CANNON CAUSING IT TO ROAR INTO ACTION AGAINST ITS ERSTWHILE OWNERS!

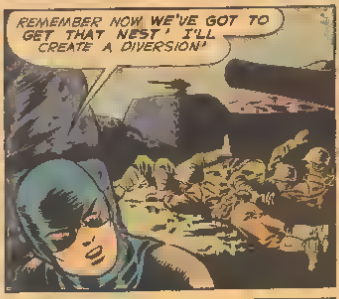

HURRY UP MEN! YOU'LL BE KILLED! THESE JAPS HAVE PINEAPPLES!


BUT THE NIPS HAVE RECKONED WITHOUT COMMANDO YANK!
EEEE-E!
OOOF!
ONE STRIKE AND THEY'RE OUT!

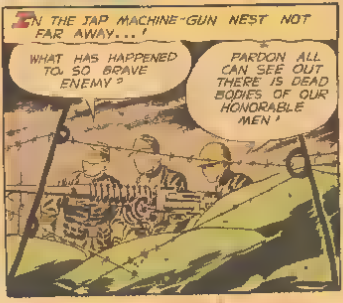

NOW THINGS ARE REALLY GOING TO GET TOUGH! MAYBE YOU'D BETTER STAY UNDER COVER AND TAKE YOUR PICTURES FROM HERE CAMERA MAN!
NOT ON YOUR LIFE YANK! YOUR ACTION RATES CLOSE UPS!

GET DOWN QUICK, IT'S A JAP MACHINE GUN'
WHERE IS IT? I CAN'T SEE IT'

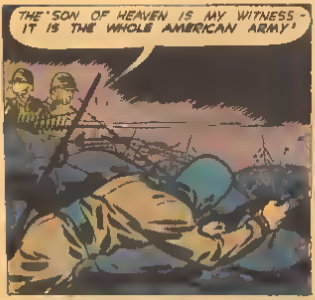

EACH ONE OF YOU SEIZE A JAP CORPSE, AND INCH FORWARDS TOWARD THEIR MACHINE-GUN NEST
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU UP TO, YANK?
BETTER DO WHAT HE SAYS"

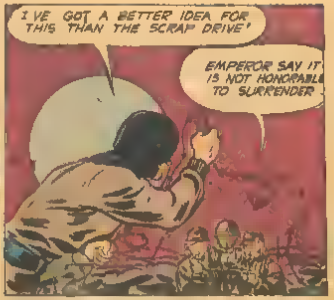

REMEMBER NOW, WE'VE GOT TO GET THAT NEST' I'LL CREATE A DIVERSION'

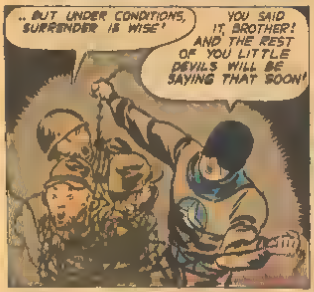
I'M GOING TO FOLLOW YANK AND GET PICTURES NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS' AND I GUESS IT WILL'

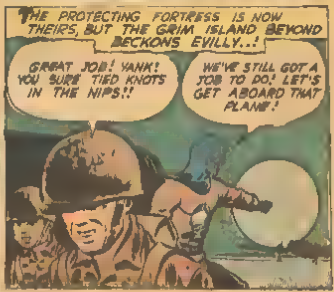

IN THE JAP MACHINE-GUN NEST NOT FAR AWAY...'
WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO SO BRAVE ENEMY?
PARDON ALL CAN SEE OUT THERE IS DEAD BODIES OF OUR HONORABLE MEN'

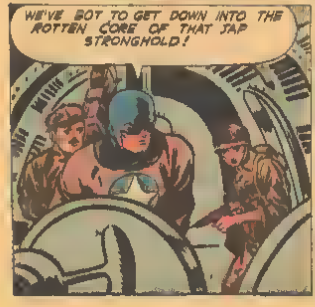
EEE-E-EEE O-OW!
WHAT TH---?!
DISHONORABLE COMMANDO YANK! QUICK, TURN THE MACHINE GUN!
DIE, COMMANDO YANK, AMERICAN!
Y-E-E-E-O-O-O-WW!
COULD NOT BE HONORABLE MAC ARTHUR BACK?
BY HONORABLE ANCESTORS WE ARE BEING SURROUNDED!

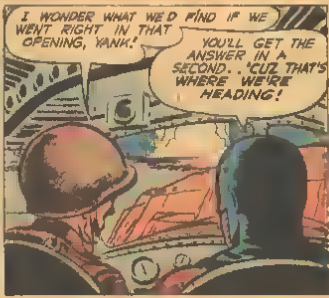

THE SON OF HEAVEN IS MY WITNESS - IT IS THE WHOLE AMERICAN ARMY!

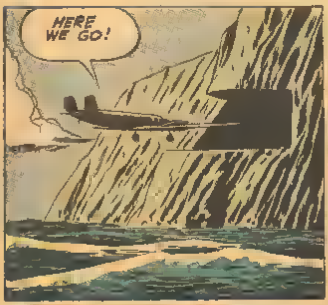

I'VE GOT A BETTER IDEA FOR THIS THAN THE SCRAP DRIVE!
EMPEROR SAY IT IS NOT HONORABLE TO SURRENDER

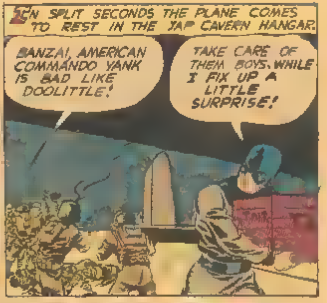

.. BUT UNDER CONDITIONS, SURRENDER IS WISE!
YOU SAID IT, BROTHER! AND THE REST OF YOU LITTLE DEVILS WILL BE SAYING THAT SOON!

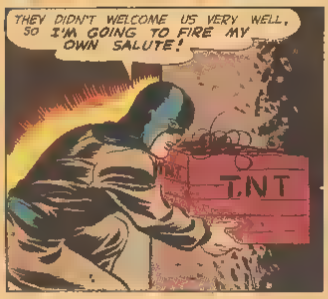

THE PROTECTING FORTRESS IS NOW THEIRS, BUT THE GRIM ISLAND BEYOND BECKONS EVILLY..!
GREAT JOB! YANK! YOU SURE TIED KNOTS IN THE NIPS!!
WE'VE STILL GOT A JOB TO DO! LET'S GET ABOARD THAT PLANE!


WE'VE GOT TO GET DOWN INTO THE ROTTEN CORE OF THAT JAP STRONGHOLD!


I WONDER WHAT WE'D FIND IF WE WENT RIGHT IN THAT OPENING, YANK!
YOU'LL GET THE ANSWER IN A SECOND.. 'CUZ THAT'S WHERE WE'RE HEADING!


HERE WE GO!


IN SPLIT SECONDS THE PLANE COMES TO REST IN THE JAP CAVERN HANGAR.
BANZAI, AMERICAN COMMANDO YANK IS BAD LIKE DOOLITTLE!
TAKE CARE OF THEM BOYS, WHILE I FIX UP A LITTLE SURPRISE!


THEY DIDN'T WELCOME US VERY WELL, SO I'M GOING TO FIRE MY OWN SALUTE!
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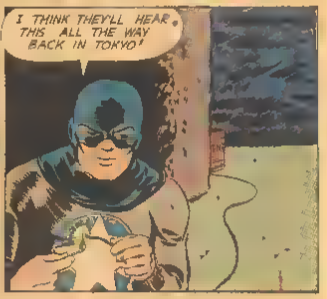
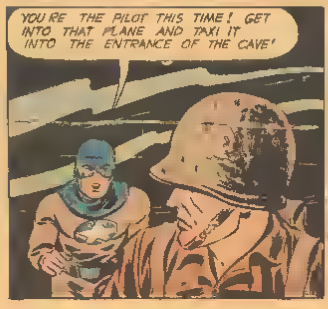
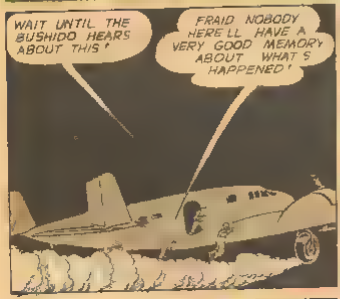

I THINK THEY'LL HEAR THIS ALL THE WAY BACK IN TOKYO!

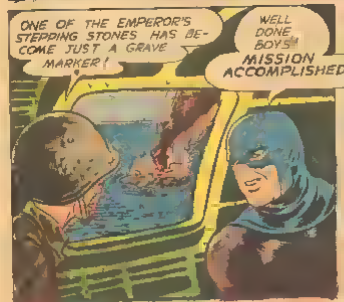

YOU'RE THE PILOT THIS TIME! GET INTO THAT PLANE AND TAXI IT INTO THE ENTRANCE OF THE CAVE!

I DON'T GET THE IDEA, BUT

DO NOT LET THEM ESCAPE!
THE EMPEROR WILL NOT LIKE!
I'M AFRAID THERE'S A LOT COMING THE EMPEROR WILL NOT LIKE!

SOMETHING LIKE THIS!


WAIT UNTIL THE BUSHIDO HEARS ABOUT THIS!
FRAID NOBODY HERE'LL HAVE A VERY GOOD MEMORY ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENED!


ONE OF THE EMPEROR'S STEPPING STONES HAS BECOME JUST A GRAVE MARKER!
WELL DONE BOYS! MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

TWO MISSION'S ACCOMPLISHED!
MAKE MONKEYS OUT OF THE MONKEY MEN -- BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS!!

CAPTAIN MARVEL

PROVES THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS WASTE PAPER!

BILLY BATSON PASSES A STREET CELEBRATION

C'MON! SKINNY PILE ON THAT PAPER! WE'LL MAKE THIS A REAL BONFIRE TO CELEBRATE WHAT THE MARINES JUST DID IN THE PACIFIC!

ONE PILE OF NEWSPAPERS COMING UP!

HOLY MOLEY! WAIT A MINUTE, FELLOWS! DON'T DO THAT!

OH, SO YOU DON'T WANT TO CELEBRATE OUR VICTORIES, EH? RED, LET'S TEACH THIS GUY SOME PATRIOTISM!

OH OH! I GUESS THEY WON'T LISTEN TO ME. WELL MAYBE THEY'LL LISTEN TO SOMEONE ELSE!

SHAZAM!

BILLY'S MAGIC WORD BRINGS HIM THE AMAZING POWERS OF CAPTAIN MARVEL!

BLAM!

THAT CHANGES HIM TO AMERICA'S OWN CAPTAIN MARVEL!!

GEE! IT'S WOW--! SKINNY!

HELLO YA! I KNOW YOU MEAN WELL, BUT OUR GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRIES NEED EVERY SCRAP OF PAPER THEY CAN GET. MORE THAN EVER BEFORE! THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS WASTE PAPER ANY MORE. SAVE PAPER AND COLLECT IT--FOR YOUR COUNTRY!

SURE WE WILL, CAP--FOR OUR COUNTRY! BUT WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH THE PAPER AFTER WE COLLECT IT?

ASK YOUR SCHOOL TEACHER WHERE TO FIND YOUR SALVAGE PAPER DEPOT! IF THERE'S A RED CROSS OFFICE NEAR HERE, TAKE IT THERE! YOU CAN EVEN SELL THE SALVAGED PAPER TO A JUNK DEALER!

RIGHT! EXCUSE US NOW, CAP! WE'RE GOING RIGHT TO WORK COLLECTING PAPER IN OUR HOUSES AND ON OUR BLOCK!

THEY'RE DOING A WONDERFUL JOB, CAPTAIN MARVEL! THEY REALIZE THAT NOT A SCRAP OF PAPER OUGHT TO BE WASTED! EVERY BIT OF IT--NEWSPAPERS, WRAPPING-PAPER, CARDBOARD BOXES--HAS TO BE TURNED BACK IN FOR THE WAR EFFORT!

JUNK

AND OUR BOYS AND GIRLS WILL DO IT! THEY'VE JOINED THE PAPER PLATOON--FOR VICTORY!

FORM YOUR OWN PAPER PLATOON! SAVE AND SALVAGE!

ADVENTURES OF "R.C." AND QUICKIE

THE CAVE'S SECRET
WATCH OUT FOR THAT WIRE, QUICKIE
OOPS!
OUR HERO R.C. AND HIS PAL QUICKIE ARE TAKING A STROLL THROUGH THE WOODS NEAR THEIR CAMP SUDDENLY QUICKIE TRIPS
WELL, WHATTA YOU KNOW THE WIRE GOES INTO THIS CAVE
AND THAT GUY AT THE RADIO LOOKS PLENTY JAPANESE TO ME WHAT'LL WE DO?
I'LL CUT THE WIRE THAT OUGHT TO BRING HIM OUT TO SEE WHAT'S UP AND THEN WE'LL
SNIP
EHH! HERE HE COMES
GOSH - WISH I WAS BACK AT THE CANTEEN DRINKING ROYAL CROWN COLA RIGHT NOW
SOMETHING WRONG WITH RADIO
O.K. YOU JAP RAT! MAYBE THIS WILL TAKE THAT BILLY GOAT OFF YOUR FACE
THIS IS ONE I LEARNED IN HIGH SCHOOL HOW DO YOU LIKE TOJO?
I BET THE RADIO FOR SYDNEY'S C' MAYBE WE'LL GET A MEDAL OR SOMETHING
LET'S TURN TOJO HERE OVER TO THE AUTHORITIES AND THEN WE'LL GET SOMETHING BETTER THAN A MEDAL!
HOW I GET T'AT C' THIS ROYAL CROWN COLA SURE IS BETTER - YOU CAN'T DRINK A MEDAL
NOT BETTER QUICKIE IT'S THE BEST! THE BEST-TASTING COLA YOU CAN GET
WESTERN STAR JOHNNY MACK BROWN SAYS:
HE'S PLENTY RIGHT! IT DOES TASTE BEST!
Yes kids, Royal Crown Cola's the choice of all right guys says Johnny Mack Brown. Johnny tested leading colas without knowing which was which and picked Royal Crown Cola as best tasting. Try it today
ROYAL CROWN COLA
Best by Taste Test!
COLA

MR. SCARLET and PINKY

AND THE VANISHING TRAIN!

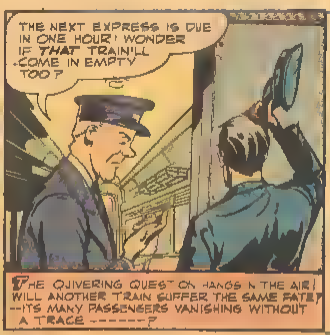
THROUGH THE NIGHT ROARS THE EXPRESS TRAIN LOADED WITH PASSENGERS BUT WHEN IT ARRIVES AT ITS STATION --***NOT A SOUL IS ABOARD!*** A MYSTERY AS GRUESOME AND BAFFLING AS THE FAMED SAILING SHIP THE ***MARIE CELESTE*** WHICH CAME INTO PORT DESERTED. WHAT UNCANNY DREAD FATE PLUNGES THE PASSENGERS INTO OBLIVION? WHO IS THE ***CRIME ENGINEER?*** BUT AGAINST THE CRIME ENGINEER IS THAT ENGINEER OF JUSTICE --***MR. SCARLET***-- WHO STEAMS THROUGH ON SCHEDULE TO THE STATION AT CRIMBS END-OF-THE-LINE, THE POLICE!

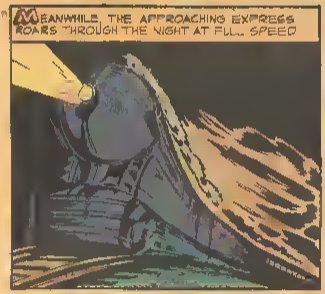
AS IT HAS FOR HUNDREDS OF TIMES THE NIGHT EXPRESS TRAIN PULLS IN AT ITS SCHEDULED STATION THERE ARE ONLY THE EMPTY HAUNTED SEATS AND A BAFFLING MYSTEERY

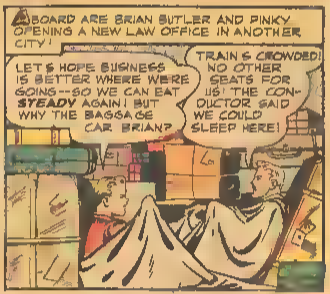
HEY LOOK! WHERE ARE THE PASSENGERS?

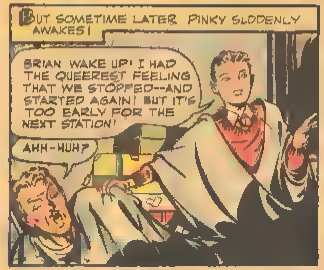
GLORY BE! THE CARS ARE ALL DESERTED---EMPTY! IT'S THE WORK OF THE DEVIL HIMSELF. NOT A SOUL ABOARD--NOT EVEN THE ENGINEEE

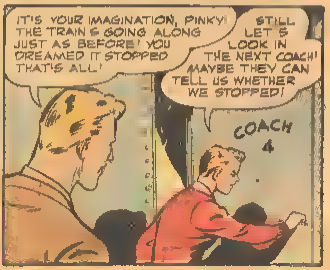
REMEMBER THE MARIE CELESTE STORY? THE SHIP THAT CAME INTO PORT WITH NOT A SOUL ABOARD? THIS IS LIKE THAT---WITH A TRAIN SUBSTITUTED FOR A SHIP!
B-BUT WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PASSENGERS? WHAT MADE THEM VANISH BETWEEN THIS STATION AND THE LAST ONE? GOLLY SAM THIS MAKES MY FLESH CREEP!

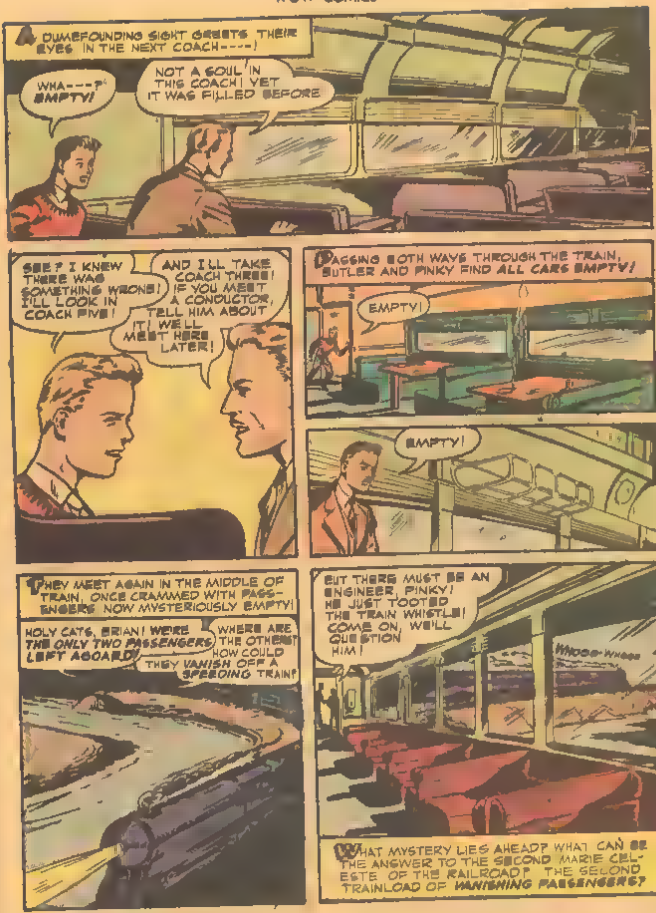

THE NEXT EXPRESS IS DUE IN ONE HOUR! I WONDER IF THAT TRAIN'LL COME IN EMPTY TOO?
THE QUIVERING QUESTION HANGS IN THE AIR! WILL ANOTHER TRAIN SUFFER THE SAME FATE? --ITS MANY PASSENGERS VANISHING WITHOUT A TRACE -------?


MEANWHILE THE APPROACHING EXPRESS ROARS THROUGH THE NIGHT AT FULL SPEED


ABOARD ARE BRIAN BUTLER AND PINKY OPENING A NEW LAW OFFICE IN ANOTHER CITY!
LET'S HOPE BUSINESS IS BETTER WHERE WE'RE GOING--SO WE CAN EAT STEADY AGAIN! BUT WHY THE BAGGAGE CAR BRIAN?
TRAIN'S CROWDED! NO OTHER SEATS FOR US! THE CONDUCTOR SAID WE COULD SLEEP HERE!

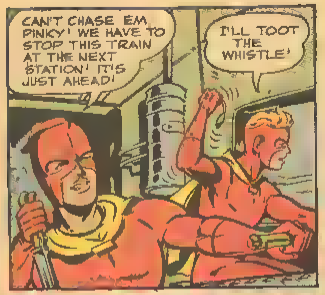

BUT SOMETIME LATER PINKY SUDDENLY AWAKES!
BRIAN WAKE UP! I HAD THE QUEEREST FEELING THAT WE STOPPED--AND STARTED AGAIN! BUT IT'S TOO EARLY FOR THE NEXT STATION!
AHH-HUH?

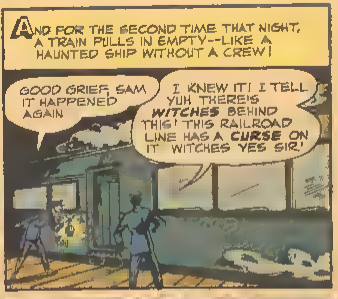

IT'S YOUR IMAGINATION, PINKY! THE TRAIN'S GOING ALONG JUST AS BEFORE! YOU DREAMED IT STOPPED THAT'S ALL!
STILL LET'S LOOK IN THE NEXT COACH! MAYBE THEY CAN TELL US WHETHER WE STOPPED!
COACH 4

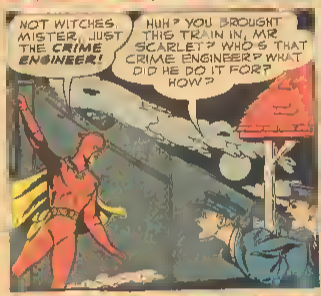

A DUMFOUNDING SIGHT GREETS THEIR EYES IN THE NEXT COACH----!
WHA----? EMPTY!
NOT A SOUL IN THIS COACH! YET IT WAS FILLED BEFORE
SEE? I KNEW THERE WAS SOMETHING WRONG! I'LL LOOK IN COACH FIVE!
AND I'LL TAKE COACH THREE! IF YOU MEET A CONDUCTOR, TELL HIM ABOUT IT! WE'LL MEET HERE LATER!
PACING BOTH WAYS THROUGH THE TRAIN, BUTLER AND PINKY FIND ALL CARS EMPTY!
EMPTY!
EMPTY!
THEY MEET AGAIN IN THE MIDDLE OF TRAIN, ONCE CRAMMED WITH PASSENGERS NOW MYSTERIOUSLY EMPTY!
HOLY CATS, BRIAN! WE'RE THE ONLY TWO PASSENGERS LEFT ABOARD!
WHERE ARE THE OTHERS? HOW COULD THEY VANISH OFF A SPEEDING TRAIN?
BUT THERE MUST BE AN ENGINEER, PINKY! HE JUST TOOTED THE TRAIN WHISTLE! COME ON, WE'LL QUESTION HIM!
WHOOO-WHOOO
WHAT MYSTERY LIES AHEAD? WHAT CAN BE THE ANSWER TO THE SECOND MARIE CELESTE OF THE RAILROAD? THE SECOND TRAINLOAD OF VANISHING PASSENGERS?

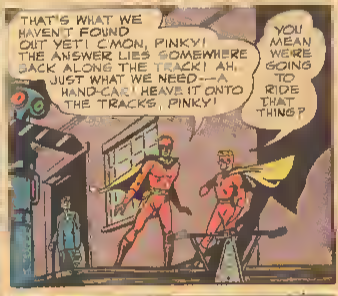
MEANWHILE AT THE THROTTLE OF THE ENGINE, SITS THE CRIME ENGINEER!
MORE COAL BULL! WE HAVE TO DELIVER THIS TRAIN AT THE NEXT STATION BEFORE DAWN!
UGH! HARD WORK BOSS!
YOU'RE SURE NOW THERE'S NOT A SOUL ON THE TRAIN BESIDES US?
I WENT TROUGH DA CARS BEFORE, BOSS! DERE AIN'T NOBODY ABOARD, I'M TELLIN' YA!
NOBODY-EXCEPT US!
AND THEY'RE THE ANSWER TO THIS MYSTERY! WE'LL MAKE 'EM TALK!
BUT PINKY AND BUTLER HAVE OVERHEARD!.. AND TWO CRIMSON-CLAD FIGURES TAKE THEIR PLACE!
HA! THIS IS THE GREATEST COUP IN ALL CRIME, BY THE CRIME ENGINEER! AN EMPTY TRAIN PULLING INTO ITS STATION!
BUT YOU FORGOT TO WIPE THE OIL OFF YOUR FACE MR CRIME ENGINEER!
WHAT? BUT MY FACE ISN'T OILY--- OIPPPPP!
IT IS NOW!
SQUEAK!
MR. SCARLET! GET HIM, BULL ---GET HIM!

BUT BULL IS OTHERWISE ENGAGED BY PINKY!
LET'S SHOVEL ON MORE COAL-- ON YOU!
OWWWW! OUCH!
GRRR! I'LL TWIST YOUR NECK OFF, BEAT!
OOOW!
LITTLE BOYS LIKE ME SHOULDN'T PLAY WITH FIRE--- EXCEPT WHEN IT GETS LUGS LIKE YOU!
BUT THE TRICKY CRIME ENGINEER LETS OUT A BLAST OF STEAM AT THE CRIMSON CRUSADER!
HA! HA! THAT'LL SCALD YOUR SKIN AS RED AS YOUR SUITS!
HEY!
HISSSS SSS!
AND THE DESPERADOES LEAP FROM THE THUNDERING ENGINES TO A ROADSIDE DITCH!
COME ON, BULL! LET THEM BRING THE TRAIN IN! IT'S JUST AS WELL!

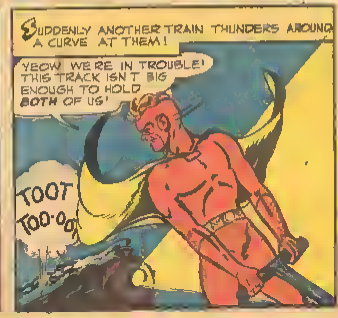

CAN'T CHASE 'EM, PINKY! WE HAVE TO STOP THIS TRAIN AT THE NEXT STATION! IT'S JUST AHEAD!
I'LL TOOT THE WHISTLE!


AND FOR THE SECOND TIME THAT NIGHT, A TRAIN PULLS IN EMPTY—LIKE A HAUNTED SHIP WITHOUT A CREW!
GOOD GRIEF, SAM IT HAPPENED AGAIN
I KNEW IT! I TELL YUH THERE'S WITCHES BEHIND THIS! THIS RAILROAD LINE HAS A CURSE ON IT. WITCHES YES SIR!


NOT WITCHES, MISTER, JUST THE CRIME ENGINEER!
HUH? YOU BROUGHT THIS TRAIN IN, MR SCARLET? WHO'S THAT CRIME ENGINEER? WHAT DID HE DO IT FOR? HOW?


THAT'S WHAT WE HAVEN'T FOUND OUT YET! C'MON, PINKY! THE ANSWER LIES SOMEWHERE BACK ALONG THE TRACK! AH, JUST WHAT WE NEED—A HAND-CAR! HEAVE IT ONTO THE TRACKS, PINKY!
YOU MEAN WE'RE GOING TO RIDE THAT THING?

WE'LL HAVE TO EXAMINE THE WHOLE STRETCH OF TRACK BETWEEN THE TWO STATIONS
PUFF PUFF— YOU THINK OF THE PLEASANTEST THINGS!


SUDDENLY ANOTHER TRAIN THUNDERS AROUND A CURVE AT THEM!
YEOW! WE'RE IN TROUBLE! THIS TRACK ISN'T BIG ENOUGH TO HOLD BOTH OF US!
TOOT TOO-OO

BUT BEFORE DISASTER STRIKES, A STRANGE THING HAPPENS!
HEY! A MAIL-HOOK CAUGHT US!
BUT WHAT'S IT DOING HERE?--- ULPS!
NOW I TAKE OVER DA ENGINE CAB, AND STOP DA TRAIN IT'S GOIN SLOW-- DEY HADDA SLOW DOWN FER DA CURVE!
AND AS THE TRAIN GRINDS TO A STOP THE LIGHTS OF A STATION FLASHES ON!
I'LL BE---? THE ENGINE STOPPED WITHOUT COMING NEAR US!
BUT, LOOK--- SINCE WHEN WAS THERE A STATION HERE?--- IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE?
THIS FALSE STATION-- BUILT AROUND AN OLD ABANDONED ROUND-HOUSE---FOOLS 'EM ALL! CALL THE PASSENGERS, BULL!
EVERYBODY OFF!
THE UNSUSPICIOUS PASSENGERS STEP OFF.
OUR STATION-- SO SOON?
YAWNNN! MUST BE USING FASTER ENGINES THESE DAYS!
--ONLY TO BE HERDED BY GUNMEN INTO THE CAMOUFLAGED ROUND-HOUSE!
THIS ISN'T THE STATION! IT'S A FAKED ONE!
SHADDAP! KEEP MOVIN INTO DAT DOOR--OR DA GUNS MIGHT GO OFF!
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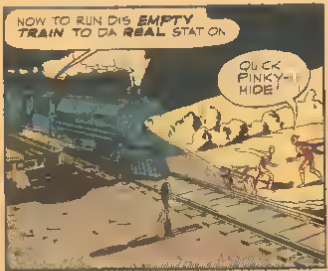
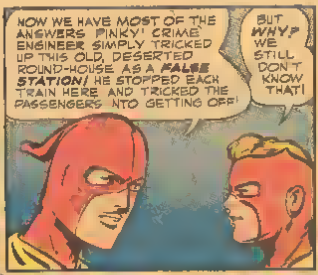
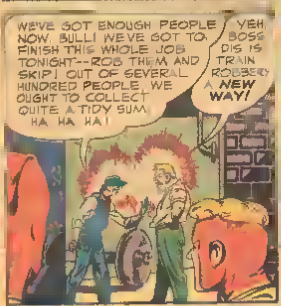
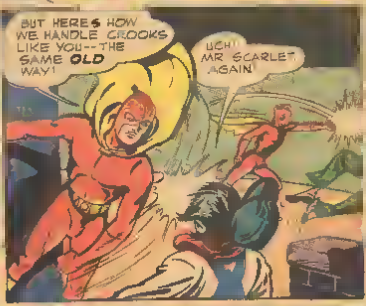

NOW TO RUN DIS EMPTY TRAIN TO DA REAL STATION
QUICK PINKY--HIDE!


NOW WE HAVE MOST OF THE ANSWERS PINKY! CRIME ENGINEER SIMPLY TRICKED UP THIS OLD, DESERTED ROUND-HOUSE AS A FALSE STATION! HE STOPPED EACH TRAIN HERE AND TRICKED THE PASSENGERS INTO GETTING OFF!
BUT WHY? WE STILL DON'T KNOW THAT!

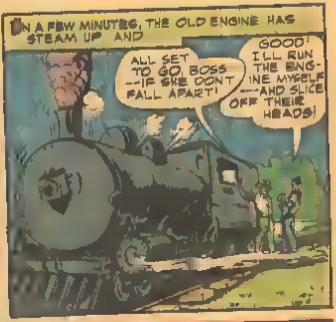

WE'VE GOT ENOUGH PEOPLE NOW, BULL! WE'VE GOT TO FINISH THIS WHOLE JOB TONIGHT--ROB THEM AND SKIP! OUT OF SEVERAL HUNDRED PEOPLE, WE OUGHT TO COLLECT QUITE A TIDY SUM! HA, HA, HA!
YEH BOSS DIS IS TRAIN ROBBERY A NEW WAY!

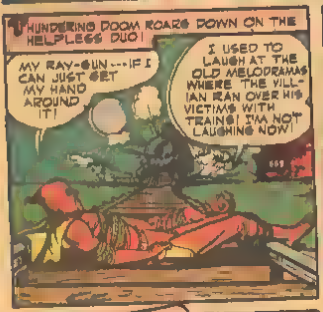

BUT HERE'S HOW WE HANDLE CROOKS LIKE YOU--THE SAME OLD WAY!
UGH! MR. SCARLET AGAIN!

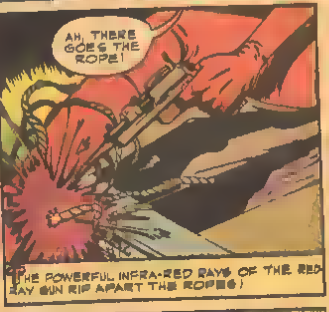
AND THAT'S NO BULL BULL!
WHOOSH!
MEN--HELP!

THE REST OF CRIME ENGINEER'S GANG SURGE OUT OVERWHELMING THE CRIMSON PAIR!
THAT'S IT NOW TIE THEM UP GOOD!

SCARLET AND PINKY ARE BOUND TO AN OLD SPUR!
THE REST OF YOU MEN HURRY AND GET UP STEAM IN THAT OLD RATTLE-TRAP ENGINE!


IN A FEW MINUTES, THE OLD ENGINE HAS STEAM UP AND
ALL SET TO GO BOSS --IF SHE DON'T FALL APART!
GOOD! I'LL RUN THE ENGINE MYSELF --AND SLICE OFF THEIR HEADS!

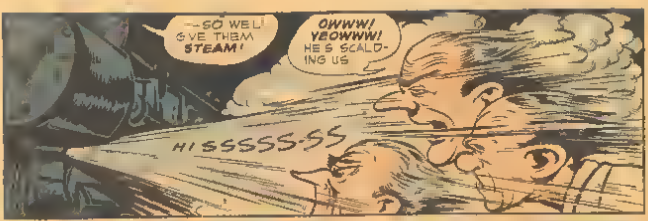

THUNDERING DOOM ROARS DOWN ON THE HELPLESS DUO!
MY RAY-GUN --IF I CAN JUST GET MY HAND AROUND IT!
I USED TO LAUGH AT THE OLD MELODRAMS WHERE THE VILLIAN RAN OVER HIS VICTIMS WITH TRAINS! I'M NOT LAUGHING NOW!

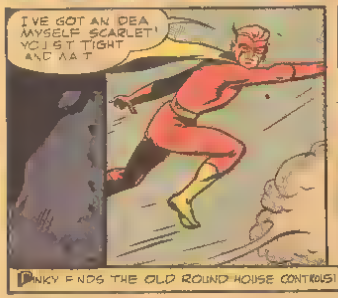

AH, THERE GOES THE ROPE!
THE POWERFUL INFRA-RED RAYS OF THE RED RAY GUN RIP APART THE ROPES!

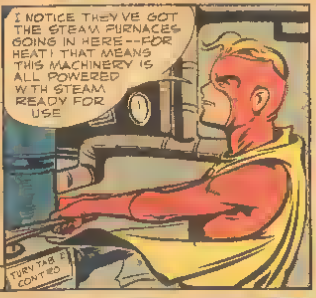
BUT IS IT TOO LATE?
HA HA! THE END OF MR SCARLET AND HIS BRAT PINKY!
CRUNCH!
GRIND!

NO USE LOOKING FOR THE BODIES BULL! THEY WERE GROUND TO PULP
WE PLAYED DEAD AND FOOLED 'EM!
LET'S GO PINKY!

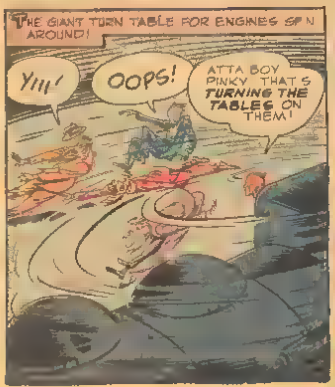
CRIME ENGINEER WENT INSIDE--- TO ROB THOSE CAPTURED PEOPLE
THEY CLOSED THOSE B G STEEL DOORS! HOW CAN WE GET IN?
WE WERE ENGINEERS ONCE TONIGHT-- WHY NOT AGAIN?
WHOOPS! I GET IT THE ENGINE STILL HAS STEAM UP
WITH THE OLD DERELICT ENGINE, THE TWIN RED KNIGHTS OF JUSTICE STORM THE CRIMINAL STRONGHOLD-- --CRASHING INTO THE BIG STEEL DOORS OF THE OLD ROUND HOUSE!
YIPE HALP
CRASH!
T'S JUST US AND OUR LITTLE KIDDY-CAR
CRASHING DOWN THE STEEL DOORS THE ENGINE INVADES THE HUGE ROUND HOUSE
MIND IF WE DON'T KNOCK?
IT'S MR SCARLET AND PINKY AGAIN ALIVE!
RIDDLE THE ENGINE CAB WITH BULLETS
HMM! TIT FOR TAT! THEY'RE STEAMING LEAD AT US
DUCK SCARLET

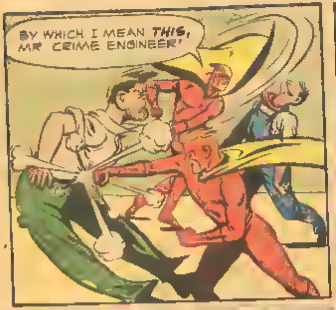


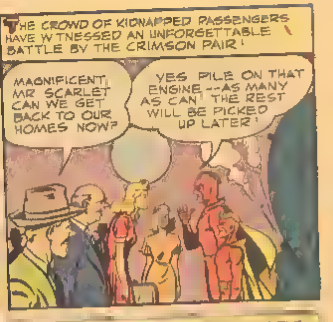



I NOTICE THEY'VE GOT THE STEAM FURNACES GOING IN HERE--FOR HEAT! THAT MEANS THIS MACHINERY IS ALL POWERED WITH STEAM, READY FOR USE
TURN TAB E CONTRO

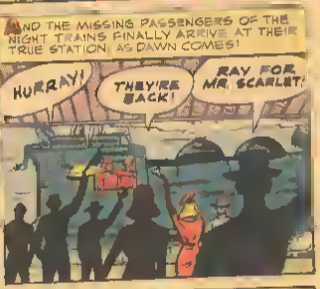
PINKY FINDS THE OLD ROUND HOUSE CONTROLS!



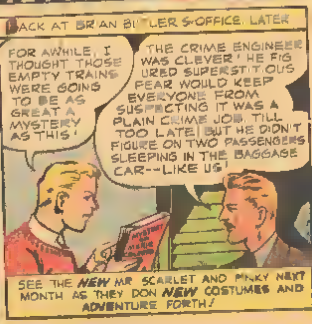

BY WHICH I MEAN THIS, MR CRIME ENGINEER!


THE CROWD OF KIDNAPPED PASSENGERS HAVE WITNESSED AN UNFORGETTABLE BATTLE BY THE CRIMSON PAIR!
MAGNIFICENT, MR SCARLET CAN WE GET BACK TO OUR HOMES NOW?
YES PILE ON THAT ENGINE--AS MANY AS CAN! THE REST WILL BE PICKED UP LATER!

ALL ABOARD!


AND THE MISSING PASSENGERS OF THE NIGHT TRAINS FINALLY ARRIVE AT THEIR TRUE STATION, AS DAWN COMES!
HURRAY!
THEY'RE BACK!
HAY FOR MR. SCARLET!

MR SCARLET SKIPPED! BUT HERE IS THE CRIME ENGINEER AND HIS GANG


BACK AT BRIAN BUTLER'S OFFICE, LATER
FOR AWHILE, I THOUGHT THOSE EMPTY TRAINS WERE GOING TO BE AS GREAT A MYSTERY AS THIS!
THE CRIME ENGINEER WAS CLEVER! HE FIGURED SUPERSTITIOUS FEAR WOULD KEEP EVERYONE FROM SUSPECTING IT WAS A PLAIN CRIME JOB TILL TOO LATE! BUT HE DIDN'T FIGURE ON TWO PASSENGERS SLEEPING IN THE BAGGAGE CAR--LIKE US!
SEE THE NEW MR SCARLET AND PINKY NEXT MONTH AS THEY DON NEW COSTUMES AND ADVENTURE FORTH!

SCOURGE OF THE SEA!

BY MICHAEL REMBA

A PENNY GRAVES ADVENTURE

FOG swirled around Penny Graves as she stood at the rail of the *Bonito*, three days out en route to England. "BOO!" went a voice in her ear. In the darkness she couldn't make out his face, but the heavy shoulders identified Mr Most the first mate.

"Little girls ought to be asleep on a night like this." His deep voice seemed eerie in the muffling mist.

"It's too hot below," Penny replied "and, besides somebody has to look out for subs."

"This fog's the best thing could happen to us. Most replied since we lost the rest of the convoy. Not a chance in a million of a sub spotting us in it."

Suddenly near the stern a weird light flared, sizzled, then exploded! A rocket hissed upward, its white light showing the yellow fog which clung to the ship. Startled the mate and Penny stood motionless. Then they turned and ran toward the stern. A shadowy figure turned and fled. But Most launched himself in a flying tackle. The two men hit the deck with a thud. The moon broke through to reveal the mate and his adversary rolling about in a tangle of arms and legs. Penny's soft mouth tightened in a firm line. Picking up her heavy metal flashlight she smashed it home behind the ear of the man in Most's grasp. The man slumped to the deck. Most arose breathing heavily. "Thanks girl. He was giving me quite a tussle."

Later in the Captain's quarters the ship's officers looked at each other, white faced. Facing them was a beefy, blond man with a thin cunning face. "Well gentlemen," he said coolly, "what are you going to do with me?"

"You admit you set off that rocket Miller—if that's your name. Why?" The Captain stared hard at Scarface.

I know nothing," replied the captive his face sullen.

"What's your game? SPEAK UP!" said the Captain.

JUST THEN a knock was heard on the door. Penny unlocked it and Most entered a large leather pocketbook in his huge fist. "Sir," he said to the Captain "this man's name is not Miller! Heaven only knows what it is. he has three sets of papers. And this!" He reached into his pocket and produced an automatic pistol.

Penny leaned forward. "It's a Luger!" she exclaimed.

Captain Roberts once again faced the scarfaced man. "I could hang you you know. We have evidence enough and I'm master aboard this ship."

Shaking, the man threw up one arm to shield his ashen face. Captain Roberts words had reduced him to a shadow of a man. "I signaled to a U-boat," he whispered. "I had to let them know our course."

The spy pulled himself together. "Anyway," he said "it's too late for you to do anything. The moon is up and our best U-boat commander is waiting for his chance." He waved his arms. "Do with me what you will! Your ship is doomed!"

"Don't worry," replied Captain Roberts grimly. "We'll take care of you all right, and of your U-boat commander too."

THE PRISONER was led away but not before he had told all he knew. There were at least two subs he confessed on the trail of the *Bonito*. Down would find them attacking and while the *Bonito* might outfight one she'd find it impossible to handle two—or more.

The Captain's face showed the responsibility weighing heavy on his shoulders. Turning to the first mate he said "Have the Navy gun crew stand by Mr Most. We'll do the best we can."

As Most left the room Penny approached the Captain's desk. He looked up. "You've been very helpful Miss Graves."

Private Graves of the WACs sir," replied Penny her white teeth flashing in a smile. She brushed a wisp of deep black hair back from her fore head as she continued.

"I hope you won't think me forward Captain but I have an idea—"

"Yes I know," Captain Roberts interrupted. "You think I ought to turn around and sink 'em! With what? One Navy gun crew?"

"But sir," Penny persisted, "why not use the tactics of one of their own skippers, Von Luckner? They've got us anyway."

"Von Luckner!" the Captain mused. He stroked his bristly chin. "Perhaps I was a little rough with you, Private. What do you have in mind?"

The false dawn was making

the sky grey Down in the Captain's cabin two heads, one black the other grey were close together Hasty plans were made orders were given.

THE WIND whipped the grey sea to a fury as Penny stood on the bridge beside the Captain dark circles of fatigue under her blue eyes He marveled at her courage and stamina and thought gratefully of the thousands of American women serving in the WACs whom she typified Penny stood erect her O D uniform miraculously neat staring out to sea waiting to see from what direction the terror would strike Then it came!

Torpedo on the port side!

There it was a sleek messenger of death cutting a white swath through the sullen sea heading directly for the broad side of the *Bonito*! Captain Roberts barked his orders there was no hesitation in the man The *Bonito* swung around heeling over until it seemed she must capsize The torpedo hissed by missing her by a matter of feet! Then the Navy gun crew on the stern platform went into action The first shell raised a splash of white water far short of the ominous périscope which trailed them Methodically with speed born of long hours of training the bluejackets reloaded their gun CRASH! That one shook the sub up thought Penny as the second shell struck the water where the bow of the submarine showed just under the surface The sub surfaced hurriedly and figures spilled from her conning tower onto the glistening wet deck, running forward toward the deck gun She had decided to fight it out on the surface!

The men of the U S Navy were not to be denied With coolness they kept loading and shooting Twice shells from the killer of the seas went through the superstructure of the *Bonito* The battle seemed endless. It was difficult shooting and the submarine made a poor target in the high sea Captain Roberts barked an order into the speaking tube leading to the engine room The *Bonito* stopped as her propellers came to a standstill

'It was a great risk to take another Nazi sub might be nearby But for a moment the *Bonito* was steady

There's a gun platform for you shouted Captain Roberts to the young naval officer The latter smiled and gave the command to fire A hit! Penny saw the Nazi conning tower vanish as the shell struck home Another hit! The undersea boat began to sink slowly at first Then suddenly her long slim bow went high into the air and she slid beneath the angry waves

At that moment a stunning explosion rocked the *Bonito*! Penny was hurled flat on the deck When she rose shakily to her feet she saw Captain Roberts, blood streaming from a gash over his right eye pointing aft There a second Nazi sub bobbed on the waves! The Germans were unhimbering their deck gun when the first mate came running up

Our rudder's gone sir! he shouted

Here's where we try your plan Captain Roberts calmly remarked to Penny She smiled at him and then hurried to the lifeboat to which she had been assigned *Prepare to abandon ship* Mr Mostl ordered the Captain winking at the mate And tell the gun crew to lie low until I give the word!'

ON BOARD the Nazi sub the commander put his field glasses to his eyes

They're abandoning ship the cowardly Americans! He handed the glasses to his junior officer See what you make of it.

Ja, it's another sinking for you' said the aide returning the glasses I just saw a woman in uniform get into one of the lifeboats. Miller did his work well'

Penny Graves sat hunched in the lifeboat as it pulled away from the *Bonito* The torpedo had struck aft, blowing away part of the stern and the rudder But the *Bonito* was still seaworthy Penny looked to the left where the Nazi sub was leisurely approaching her helpless victim intent on sending her to the bottom with as few shells as possible Captain Roberts could be made out on the bridge of the *Bonito* Penny's fingernails bit into her palm as she waited for him to give the signal Then his arm swung up and down Blue clad figures sprang up around the gun on the *Bonito* as if by magic The gun spoke and a shell exploded against the stern of the Nazi Men and pieces of metal went flying Again and again the gun crashed out its message of death and destruction Penny watched the Nazi commander try to rally his men Their gun spoke feebly once, then was silenced by a direct hit Hit repeatedly the submarine heeled over and began to sink while the crew of the *Bonito* cheered the victorious gun crew

Later as the *Bonito* limped toward port after the carpenter had rigged a temporary rudder a small group gathered in the Captain's cabin A British destroyer picked them up and for the first time in twenty-four hours the officers and men of the gallant ship were able to relax

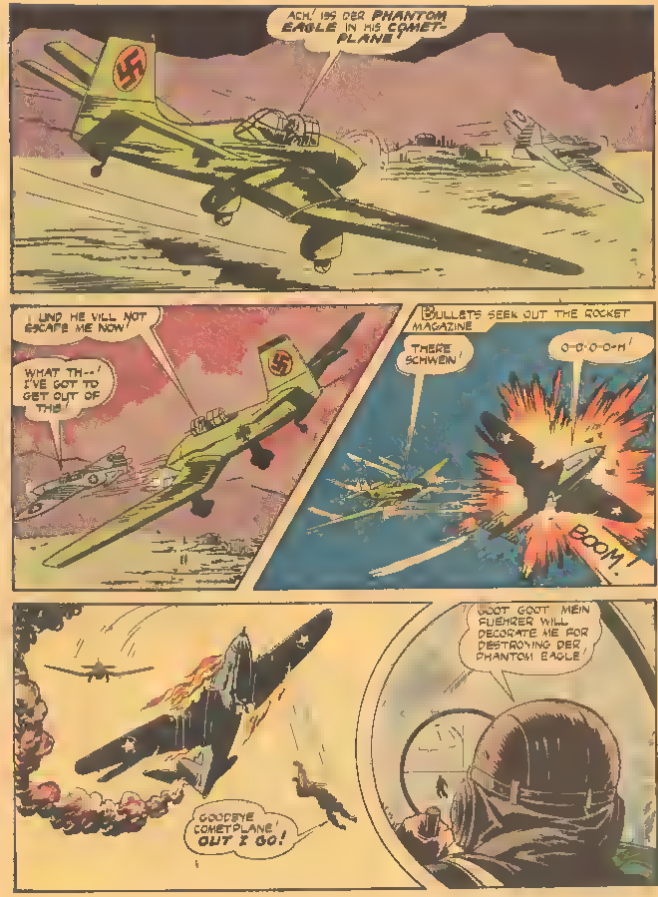
Captain Roberts rapped on the table Gentlemen our victory today was made possible by a girl—but what a girl! It was she who suggested we pretend to abandon ship and lure the enemy within range of our gun He raised a sparkling glass and rose to his feet Gentlemen here's to Penny Graves of the WACs

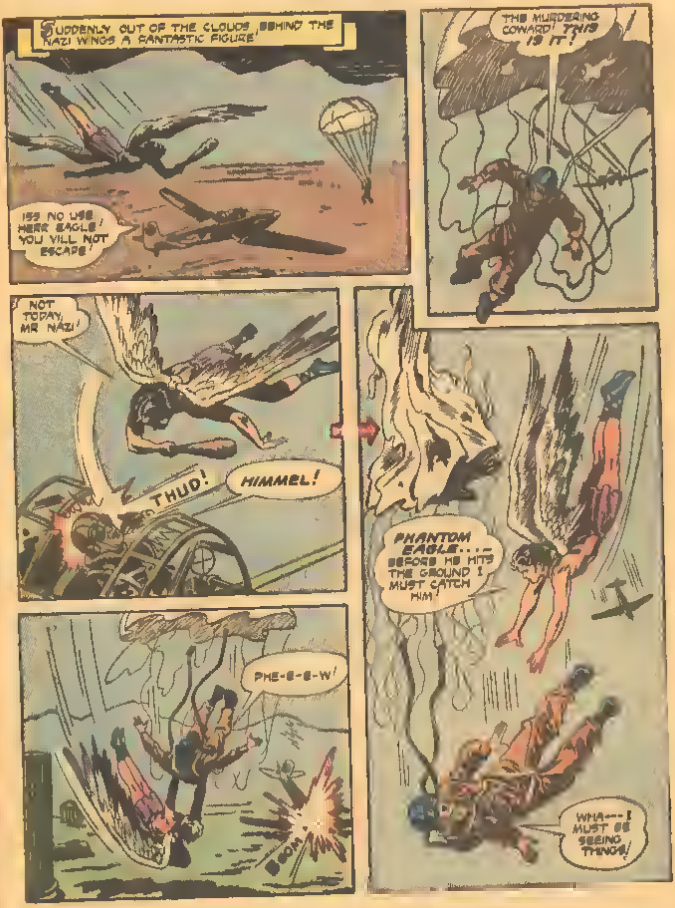
Penny blushed

***Penny Graves is on her way overseas! Follow her adventures every month in* WOW COMICS!**

THE PHANTOM EAGLE MEETS THE FLYING MAN OF GREECE!
AS THE WAVES OF RETRIBUTION WASH EVER HIGHER AGAINST THAT BASTION OF EVIL THAT IS HITLER'S EUROPE IN THE SKIES OVER GREECE, PHANTOM EAGLE MEETS A SUDDEN STARTLING DEFEAT JUST WHEN HE IS NEEDED MOST BY THE UNITED NATIONS! CAN THE HUMAN THUNDERBOLT OF THE AIR FORCE COME BACK TO LEAD THE PEOPLE OF GREECE AS THEIR FATEFUL HOUR APPROACHES---LEAD THEM AGAINST A STRANGE BETRAYAL, BY THE ANCIENT GODS OF THEIR AGELESS LAND AGAINST THEIR OWN GRECIAN MYTHS GONE MAD?

THE HOUR OF JUSTICE HAS STRUCK!
THE CITADEL OF THE SWASTIKA IS BEING STORMED FROM ALL SIDES BY THE FORCES OF FREEDOM...
BERLIN
DOESN'T LOOK QUITE THE SAME AS IN THE GEOGRAPHY BOOKS! GUESS THOSE RUINS DOWN THERE AREN'T ALL ANCIENT!
AND ON PATROL HIGH ABOVE NAZI INVADED BUT UNBEATEN GREECE, IS THE FAMED COMETPLANE!
WE KNOW THERE'S A STRONG GREEK UNDERGROUND BUT SOMETHING'S HOLDING THEM BACK! IT'S MY JOB TO FIND OUT!
SA-A-A-Y! THAT'S THE ACROPOLIS DOWN THERE! I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO REALLY SEE IT!
BREATHTAKING SPLENDOR! THESE TRADITIONS OF ANCIENT GLORY! PHANTOM EAGLE IS IMPRESSED AWE-STRUCK HEEDLESS FOR A MOMENT! BUT WHAT IS THAT DOT ON HIS TAIL?


ACH! I SEE DER PHANTOM EAGLE IN HIS COMET-PLANE!
UND HE VILL NOT ESCAPE ME NOW!
WHAT TH--! I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF THIS!
BULLETS SEEK OUT THE ROCKET MAGAZINE
THERE SCHWEIN!
O-O-O-O-H!
BOOM!
GOODBYE COMETPLANE! OUT I GO!
GOOT GOOT MEIN FUEHRER WILL DECORATE ME FOR DESTROYING DER PHANTOM EAGLE!

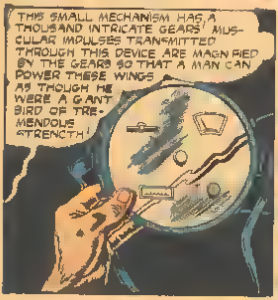

SUDDENLY OUT OF THE CLOUDS BEHIND THE NAZI WINGS A FANTASTIC FIGURE!
ISS NO USE HEER EAGLE! YOU VILL NOT ESCAPE!
THE MURDERING COWARD! THIS IS IT!
NOT TODAY, MR NAZI!
THUD!
HIMMEL!
PHANTOM EAGLE... BEFORE HE HITS THE GROUND I MUST CATCH HIM!
PHE-E-E-W!
WHA---! I MUST BE SEEING THINGS!

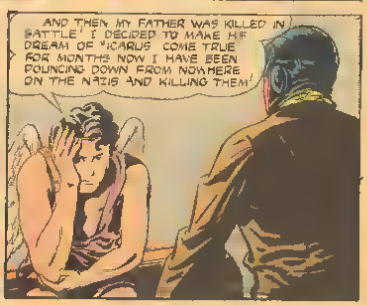
YOU SAVED MY LIFE BUT WHO ARE YOU? YOU RE YOU RE LIKE SOMETHING I READ ABOUT ONCE IN A BOOK OF MYTHS!

YOU CAN CALL ME ICARUS! MY FATHER WAS A PILOT

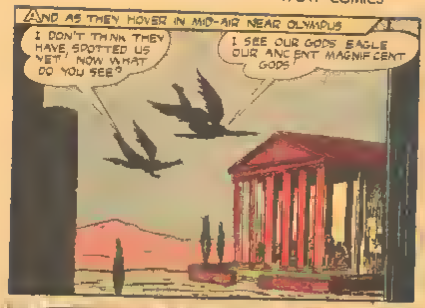
HE INVENTED WONDERFUL THINGS TOO! ONE DAY HE SHOWED ME A GIANT PAIR OF WINGS!!
OH FATHER THESE ARE SO BIG!
FOR YEARS I HAVE BEEN WORKING ON A WAY BY WHICH MEN CAN REALLY FLY WITH WINGS OF THEIR OWN!

THESE WINGS ARE MADE OF BIRD FEATHERS AND HAVE LEATHER TENDONS AND MUSCLES ON THEM! HERE SON LOOK CLOSELY


THIS SMALL MECHANISM HAS A THOUSAND INTRICATE GEARS! MUSCULAR IMPULSES TRANSMITTED THROUGH THIS DEVICE ARE MAGNIFIED BY THE GEARS SO THAT A MAN CAN POWER THESE WINGS AS THOUGH HE WERE A GIANT BIRD OF TREMENDOUS STRENGTH!


AND THEN MY FATHER WAS KILLED IN BATTLE! I DECIDED TO MAKE HIS DREAM OF ICARUS COME TRUE FOR MONTHS NOW I HAVE BEEN POUNCING DOWN FROM NOWHERE ON THE NAZIS AND KILLING THEM!

THEN YOU CAN HELP ME ICARUS! THE GREEK UNDERGROUND HAS ALREADY BEEN NOTIFIED TO RISE AGAINST THE NAZIS BUT THEY HAVE NOT RISEN I AM HERE TO FIND OUT WHY!
OUR ANCIENT GODS HAVE RETURNED EAGLE! THEY ARE BACK ON MOUNT OLYMPUS IN ALL THEIR OLD GLORY AND THROUGH THE ORACLE AT DELPHI THEY HAVE TOLD THE GREEKS NOT TO FIGHT AGAINST THE GERMANS!
THESE NEW GODS MUST BE FAKES! YOU AND I WILL GO TO MOUNT OLYMPUS AND CHALLENGE THESE QUISLING GODS!
I AM WITH YOU PHANTOM EAGLE AND I HAVE A SPARE PAIR OF WINGS HIDDEN COME WITH ME!
HERE'S ANOTHER PAIR OF WINGS FOR YOU EAGLE!
WHY THEY LOOKED LIKE PART OF THE STATUE!
A FEW SECONDS LATER TWO WINGED FIGURES ARE FLYING THROUGH THE AIR TOGETHER!
I WONDER IF IT IS RIGHT TO STORM THE MOUNTAIN OF THE SACRED GODS!
YOUR LOVE FOR GREECE IS STRONGER THAN SUPERSTITION ICARUS!


AND AS THEY HOVER IN MID-AIR NEAR OLYMPUS
I DON'T THINK THEY HAVE SPOTTED US YET! NOW WHAT DO YOU SEE?
I SEE OUR GODS EAGLE OUR ANCIENT MAGNIFICENT GODS!

I DON'T I CAN'T BELIEVE THESE GODS ARE FALSE!

O K! YOU GO AHEAD AND JOIN THEM! SEE HOW THEY ACT! I'LL WATCH!

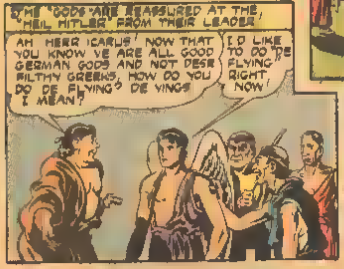
I I I AM ICARUS! I I I'VE COME TO JOIN THE GODS!

WELCOME TO MOUNT OLYMPUS HOME OF GODS!
Y-Y-YES SIR!

WHO ISS DIS? VOTT YE DO WITT HIM? YAH?

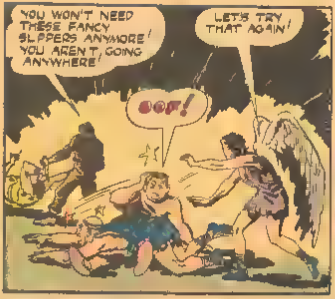
PERHAPS HE IS DER HIGH-RANK NO OFFICER FROM BERLIN CHECK ING UPON US. NEIN!
YOU ARE RIGHT HERR SMELTZ

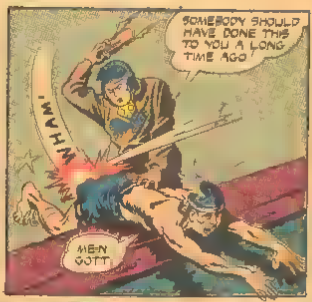
CONVINCED THAT ICARUS IS A HIGH OFFICER FROM THE FATHERLAND, "ZEUS" TAKES A CHANCE!
DIS FLYING MAN IS OBVIOUSLY FROM DER FUEHRER! I'LL DO VELL TO PLEASE HIM!
HEIL HITLER!

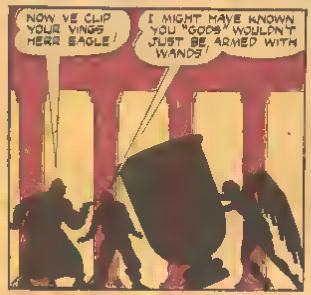

THE "GODS" ARE REASSURED AT THE "HEIL HITLER" FROM THEIR LEADER!
AH HEER ICARUS! NOW THAT YOU KNOW VE ARE ALL GOOD GERMAN GODS AND NOT DESE FILTHY GREEKS, HOW DO YOU DO DE FLYING? DE VINGS I MEAN?
I'D LIKE TO DO DE FLYING RIGHT NOW!

THAT'S ALL I NEEDED TO HEAR! HERE I COME!
HIMMEL!
MEIN GOOD NESS
VOT DIS?
BUT SOMEONE ELSE HAS HEARD THE SHOUTED "HEIL HITLER" THE HUMAN THUNDERBOLT OF THE AIR PHANTOM EAGLE!

LOOKS LIKE THE NECTAR OF THE GODS HAS TURNED INTO PUNCH!
YOU SPIES! YOU BETRAYERS OF MY GREECE!
RIP!

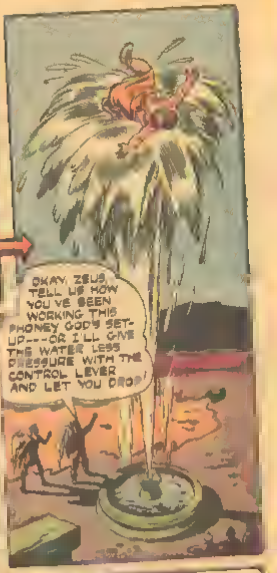

YOU WON'T NEED THESE FANCY SLIPPERS ANYMORE! YOU AREN'T GOING ANYWHERE!
LET'S TRY THAT AGAIN!
OOF!

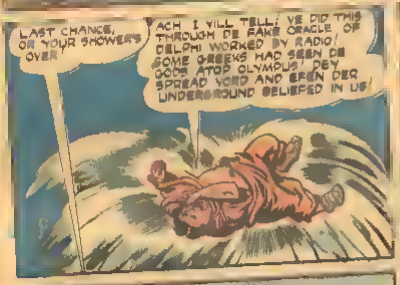

SOMEBODY SHOULD HAVE DONE THIS TO YOU A LONG TIME AGO
WHAM!
MEIN GOTT

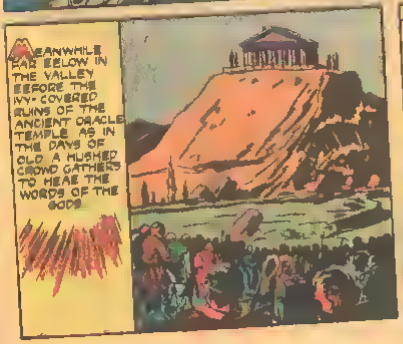

NOW VE CLIP YOUR VINGS HERR EAGLE!
I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN YOU "GODS" WOULDN'T JUST BE ARMED WITH WANDS!

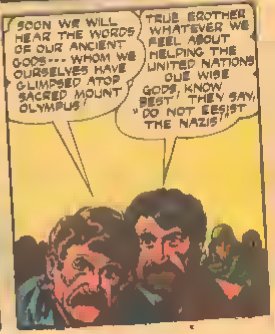
LOOK EAGLE, THE "GODS" ARE UP TO THEIR NECKS IN NECTAR!
ATTABOY ICARUS NOW WE'LL GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS
O-O-O-H!
DER SCHWEIN!
VETT IDEA!

I'LL BET YOU FELLOWS WOULD TRADE YOUR "IMMORTALITY" FOR A GOOD BATH!
HERE'S ONE OF THEM WHO'S GOING TO GET WASHED OFF RIGHT AWAY!


OKAY, ZEUS TELL US HOW YOU'VE BEEN WORKING THIS PHONEY GODS SET-UP---OR I'LL GIVE THE WATER LESS PRESSURE WITH THE CONTROL LEVER AND LET YOU DROP!


LAST CHANCE, OR YOUR SHOWER'S OVER!
ACH, I YILL TELL! VE DID THIS THROUGH DE FAKE ORACLE OF DELPHI WORKED BY RADIO! SOME GREEKS HAD SEEN DE GODS ATOP OLYMPUS! DEY SPREAD YORD AND EFEN DER UNDERGROUND BELIEFED IN US!


MEANWHILE FAR BELOW IN THE VALLEY BEFORE THE IVY-COVERED RUINS OF THE ANCIENT ORACLE TEMPLE AS IN THE DAYS OF OLD A HUSHED CROWD GATHERS TO HEAR THE WORDS OF THE GODS


SOON WE WILL HEAR THE WORDS OF OUR ANCIENT GODS--- WHOM WE OURSELVES HAVE GLIMPSED ATOP SACRED MOUNT OLYMPUS!
TRUE BROTHER WHATEVER WE FEEL ABOUT HELPING THE UNITED NATIONS DUE WISE GODS, KNOW BEST! THEY SAY, "DO NOT RESIST THE NAZIS!"

SUDDENLY, A DEEP AND MIGHTY VOICE BOOMS OUT FROM THE ANCIENT TEMPLE OF THE ORACLE!
OH PEOPLE OF GREECE YOU HAVE BEEN TRICKED BY FALSE GODS! THE GERMANS - THE VILE NAZI HUNS---HAVE FOE A SPACE INTRUDED EVEN UPON MOUNT OLYMPUS! BUT THE REAL GODS HAVE CONQUERED THEM--- THE GODS THAT ARE IN YOUR HEARTS!
REMEMBER THE ANCIENT GODS OF COURAGE STRENGTH, AND FREEDOM. RISE UP O GREEKS, IN YOUR RIGHTEOUS WRATH AND SMITE THE ENEMY FROM YOUR NATIVE GEECE
HURRAH!
DOWN WITH THE NAZIS
NOW WE KNOW THE GODS ARE WITH US
THROW OUT THE INVADERS
WITHIN A SHORT TIME OF THE ORACLES REVELATIONS, ALL OVER GEECE STRANGE VIOLENT SCENES ARE BEING ENACTED!
WE'LL SHOW THE NAZIS
HURRAH FOR THE UNITED NATIONS!
THIS IS WHAT WE SHOULD HAVE DONE, LONG AGO
THIS IS THE BEGINNING NAZIS!
ALL THE WAY BACK TO BERLIN YOU RE GOING
EVERYWHERE ANGRY GREEKS ARE ADVANCING AGAINST THE NAZIS!
SOMETIME LATER PHANTOM EAGLE ARRIVES AT HIS SECRET AIR-BASE ON AN ISLAND IN THE MEDITERANEAN!
WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO? WHAT THE SAM HILL ARE THOSE WINGS AND WHERE'S YOUR ROCKET PLANE?
HERE'S THE STORY, JERRY
SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED! WE'LL JUST HAVE TO BUILD ANOTHER PLANE. THE LIBERATION OF GEECE WAS SURE WORTH IT
GOSH I DON'T CARE HOW MANY ROCKET PLANES YOU SMASH WHEN IT'S ALL IN A GOOD CAUSE!
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